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ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
July 15, 2026

MTG REPORT

Members Present: Cody Wack, Linda Meredith, Marlene Flyer, Joli Root, Barbara Hemnes, and Dorrie Board

Excused Absence: Avery Shields

Staff Present: Kindra Oliver

1. WELCOME:
Meeting was opened at 10:00 a.m.

2. MINUTES:
Linda moved to approve the minutes from the April 15th, 2026 Advisory Board meeting; Cody seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Following are the newly appointed/re-appointed board members:
- Cody Wack
- Linda Meredith
- Marlene Flyer
- Avery Shields

3. REPORTS:
Meal Site and Meals-on-Wheels:
Kindra has a meeting with the new Meal Site and Meals-on-Wheels Manager, Tonya, as well as Council of Governments Supervisor, Heidi, this week to discuss our partnership and brainstorm how we can help each other out.

Tori's retirement party is scheduled for Thursday, July 23rd, from 1:00-3:00 pm, at the Senior Center.

Senior Center:
Our new Activities Planner, Megan Eddy, started July 1st. She has a bachelor's degree in Therapeutic Recreation and Physical Education. She worked at the VA for 8 years and other senior living facilities in a similar role. She comes with a strong exercise background and lots of great ideas to hit other focus areas of SC programming.

We are hoping to hire another Senior Center staff over the next few months, as well.

We are starting Line Dancing back up on Tuesday, August 21st, from 12:30-1:30. We have an instructor from Brookdale of Albany who will be volunteering to facilitate the dance classes. She is not an advanced instructor, but she is excited for the opportunity. Kindra is hoping to chat with Barb and Marlene about the dances and songs that our group was accustomed to, so we can get the music list created.

Senior Center is looking to get more speakers worked into our program offerings each month. We have a gentleman scheduled to come speak in August on Rail History in Oregon. He has a list of Oregon history topics, so looking to have him come in to speak on Oregon State Parks, Women in Oregon History, Oregon Explorers and other Oregon history topics, as well. Other topics we're looking into include elder law, food preservation and canning, aging well and more.

Our Geri Fit Stretch and Flex evidence-based class has had 20-25 participants in the classes every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

We're looking head at September, which is National Senior Center Month. This year's theme is **"**Happier Birthdays Happen Here," which celebrates the joy, connection, and purpose that senior centers bring to older adults every day. Senior Center staff is meeting this afternoon to discuss a fun event in order to celebrate.

Staff are also in the process of fine tuning the agenda for our annual Falls Prevention Workshop with COMP NW Physical Therapy, scheduled for late September.

AARP has reached out to inquire about room space at the SC in order to prepare taxes for our community this year. They would like to reserve a room two days each week, from February 1st through April 15th, 2027.

LINX Transit:

LINX Transit Ridership Summary:

- 81,322 rides for FY25-26, a 7.3% increase from prior FY
- 75,802 rides for FY24-25, a 18.5% increase from prior FY
- 63,948 rides for FY23/24, a 33% increase from prior FY
- 47,851 rides provided in FY22/23, a 58% increase from prior FY
- 30,021 rides provided in FY21/22, a 36% increase from prior FY
- approximately 20,000 rides provided prior 10 FY's

Due to increased fuel prices, we have temporarily stopped operating LINX buses on Saturdays, through September. We continue to monitor expenses closely and will revisit whether we continue with the temporary Saturday closures or determine when we might be able to reinstate Saturday service.

We took possession of a new 2026 non-CDL bus in late June and it is in service. This bus was funded through federal and state grants.

- Next Advisory Board Meetings scheduled: Wednesday, October 21st, 10:00 am

4. ADJOURNMENT