



Senior Center and LINX Transit

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ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

June 18th, 2025

MTG REPORT

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

Excused Absence: Sherry Liest and Dorrie Board

Staff Present: Kindra Oliver

1. WELCOME:

Meeting was opened at 10:00 a.m.

Dorrie and Joli both renewed applications to serve another three-year term on the Advisory Board.

2. MINUTES:

Cody moved to approve the minutes from the April 16th, 2025 Advisory Board meeting; Linda seconded; motion passed unanimously.

3. REPORTS:

Meal Site:

- Tori continues to look for additional volunteers to drive and help in the kitchen. Tori can utilize volunteers who can drive once a month up to every day of the week.
- We are still working on all the details for ordering a new dishwasher for the kitchen, as well as a new stove and two new back exterior doors with windows so MOW can see people coming/going before opening doors. Cascades West Council of Governments (COG) provided the city with \$20,318 toward the purchase of the new dishwasher. COG also purchased a new food warmer and computer for the meal site.

Senior Center:

- The Senior Center is hosting a large Hawaiian Luau event on Thursday, June 26th, from 2-3:30. We'll have fun décor and food, as well as Elvis, to entertain us all.
- The Biscuits with the Board event went well. We had a great turn out and lots of positive feedback. Thank you to board members for attending and making connections with our seniors, including some newcomers!

- The Senior Center received \$12,000 in Older Americans Act Funds from COG for the Evidence Based Programs we have implemented, which include:
 - Geri-Fit Strength & Flex is a gentle strength training class that can help improve balance and stability
 - Bingocize is a fun way to mix the game of Bingo with some low-impact exercises and stretches. The program is designed to build strength, flexibility and balance.
 - Walk with Ease is a walking group that is designed to keep people active and their bodies moving.
 - It was noted that those who participated didn't like the workbook that accompanied the class and didn't wanted to walk at a different pace. We did have to incorporate the workbook and some discussion so we could follow the evidence-based parts of the class.
- We had someone from the community reach out to see about doing a repair workshop series at the Senior Center. We did let them know we don't have staff time to take it on, but happy to offer space and help with promoting the workshops. They are looking for people in the community who can share their skills and expertise in the areas of technology, bike maintenance, basic sewing and repair, car maintenance information, possibly people helping with paperwork, and more.
- Senior Center staff shared stickers from our Older Americans Month Celebration contest winner.
- Senior Center staff is working on program planning for through 2025, which include:
 - Celebrating National Senior Center Month, in September
 - Falls Prevention Workshop with Students, in September
 - Harvest Festival in October
 - Veteran's Day Reception in November
 - Thanksgiving Banquet in November
 - Tree of Giving
 - Winter Dessert
 - Others
- Other program and class suggestions from the group included more in person speakers, presentation on E-bikes, workshops on positive aging, downsizing and organizing and current scams to be aware of.

LINX Transit:

- We are currently over 72,000 rides provided and will end up with over 75,000 rides this fiscal year.
- We have gone through the interview process for a new part-time driver and hope to have them start training in early July.
- Staff is working on Request for Proposals (RFP's) for two new buses. We're trying to time it right so funding for reimbursements will be available in late spring of 2026. We have grants for both vehicles.
- LINX Transit Project Updates:

- LINX Fleet Parking: We have the storage shed in place and Maintenance is almost finished with improvements to the pit, mechanic area and wash rack.
- LINX Transit bus stop improvements at Park & Oak Street: We are still waiting for approval from ODOT and the FTA that the environmental NEPA process has been satisfied, so we can move forward with the improvements.
- LINX Transit scheduling and dispatching software and improvement: We are currently in the middle of implementation. Staff has been working on merging information into the software system, getting the schedules built and doing some training.

4. CONTINUING BUSINESS:

5. DISCUSSION / NEW BUSINESS:

- Next Advisory Board Meetings scheduled:

Wednesday, October 15th, 10:00 am

6. ADJOURNMENT