



Senior Center and LINX Transit

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ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

January 21, 2026

MTG REPORT

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

Excused Absence:

Staff Present: Kindra Oliver

1. WELCOME:

Meeting was opened at 10:00 a.m.

2. MINUTES:

Cody moved to approve the minutes from the October 15th, 2025 Advisory Board meeting; Marlene 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.
- The new commercial dishwasher has been installed
- We working with a vendor to get the two exterior doors installed in the kitchen.
- Tori will be retiring next August, in 2026.

Senior Center:

- Our Annual Thanksgiving Banquet was held on November 20th. With the help of The Oaks of Lebanon, Willamette Manor and the Gillott Home Team, we were able to serve 261 meals to seniors in our community
- The Veterans Recognition event was a wonderful time of remembrance, honoring our Veterans and connecting generations. Over 60 seniors, along with middle school leadership class students and the high school JROTC students came together for the event. Students shared some pieces they wrote in their class about military connections in their family and what our Veterans mean to them. Some Veterans shared stories and thoughts on service, including a 105-year-old World War II Veteran that survived the sinking of two of the ships he was on during that time! Staff and others in attendance were "moved" throughout the program.
- This year, we supported over 60 seniors through our Tree of Giving Program, which is a new record!

- Our holiday celebration provided fun for up to 50 seniors, which included opportunities to take a selfie with Santa, partake in carols and visit with friends.
- Senior Center staff are working on larger event, class and program planning for 2026. Staff has been working on elevating all programs to set the tone for a lovely, inviting ambiance and welcoming, fun environment to ensure a wonderful experience for all in attendance. The board appreciated the detailed information and to be able to have the larger events on their radar. Many board members offered suggestions and time to volunteer and support programs, including spooky events in the month of Halloween, an intergenerational opportunity for art projects, holiday/winter dessert, etc..

LINX Transit:

- LINX Transit has provided over 40,000 rides at the mid-point of the fiscal year. Following is a ridership summary showing the growth over the years:
 - 80,000-85,000 rides projected for FY25-26
 - 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
- We are currently doing a soft roll out of our expanded LINX operations to assist with the increased demand for service. We are experimenting with schedules for two deviated fixed routes that are staggered to increase frequency of stops throughout town.
 - This service is being paid for through an Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Discretionary Grant, for the FY2025-27 biennium. Awarded \$428,000, for FY2025-27.
- We have two buses on order, one CDL and one non-CDL. We should receive one in May and one in July/August. Both vehicles are funded through state and federal grants.

4. CONTINUING BUSINESS:

5. DISCUSSION / NEW BUSINESS:

- Next Advisory Board Meetings scheduled:

Wednesday, April 15th, 10:00 am

6. ADJOURNMENT