



Senior Center and LINX Transit

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ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

June 26, 2024

MTG REPORT

Members Present: Dorrie Board, Joli Root, Cody Wack, Linda Meredith, Barbara Hemnes, Rebecca Wirfs

Absent: Marlene Flyer, Sherry Leist and Kindra Oliver

1. WELCOME:

Rebecca Wirfs opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Kindra was out for son's wedding and family trip.

2. MINUTES:

Dorrie moved to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2024 Advisory Board meeting; Linda seconded; motion passed unanimously.

3. REPORTS:

Meal Site:

- Tori is looking for kitchen help and drivers. Tori can utilize volunteers who can drive once a month up to every day of the week. Dorrie said she was going to share the information with some of her education contacts.
- We have seen an increase in numbers at the meal site, which is a great sign of folks getting out and gathering to find ways to avoid isolation.
- Andy Darling's Retirement Party will be Friday, June 28th, at 12:30, at the Senior Center.

Senior Center:

- Recap from events last couple of months:
 - Our Volunteer Appreciation Celebration was a success. Our Senior Center volunteers range in age from their 20's to their 90's! To show our appreciation, we hosted a luncheon and awarded two awards for Volunteers of the Year! Our theme was "Volunteers are Souper!"
 - The Spring Tea was hosted for 42 seniors, who enjoyed a lovely afternoon of tea, refreshments and beautiful readings from some of our friends from Friends of the Library volunteers.
 - We had approximately 47 in attendance at our National Health and Fitness

Day. We highlighted Senior Center exercise programs, provided information about external exercise options, provided a cooking demo, handed out grab bags with wellness resources and goodies and raffled off some gift baskets. The thought is to offer this event next year and we have some ideas on how to improve. We'd like to have more community participation and support to elevate the visibility of seniors and their numbers as a vital part of our community.

- Our Older Americans Month celebration was successful, with 69 seniors in attendance. The Fender Benders band was big hit, as was layered dessert that people are still raving about.
- Staff touched on activities and programs coming up for July and August.
- The group discussed ideas for trying to get folks in with interests in fiber arts to re-spark our knit/crochet/fiber group. Several members like the idea of doing a project series to support a cause like blankets for preemies at a hospital to draw people in and make connections working on a common goal. The hope would be to start off with a project and for the group to continue meeting to work on another project or individual endeavors.
- The group also discussed our Walk With Ease (WWE) prior program efforts and brainstormed additional ideas on how to get participants/walkers committed to the sessions. Cody mentioned reaching out to our Parks Committee or someone from Build Lebanon Trails (BLT) to co-lead an informative walk around some of our local trails. We could also join in on some of BLT's community walks. Dorrie indicated she might be interested in volunteering to lead walks on Saturdays.

LINX Transit:

- LINX Transit continues to bring see heavy ridership for May and June. We will end the fiscal year with close to 65,000 rides.
- We hired a new PT dispatcher, Cat. She is doing great and the additional coverage is very helpful.
- We have received unofficial word that we will receive funding for the two vehicles we applied for with the mid-cycle discretionary grants, through ODOT. We should receive official notice in the next few weeks.
- We received notice that our LINX application for the electric van and charging station for the competitive national low/no emission grant opportunity did not get forward to the FTA . LINX submitted the application to ODOT by the due date, but unfortunately, it did not get forwarded from ODOT to the FTA. ODOT did reach out to the FTA stating it was their error, but FTA couldn't make any exceptions. We plan to reapply next year
- Our Maintenance Department is working on the LINX fleet parking project and it is still on schedule to have the paving completed this fall, in order to move our fleet over to the new location.
- City staff continues to work with ODOT and the FTA through NEPA requirements in order to move forward with the bus stop improvements at Park & Oak Street.
- LINX staff will have the Request for Information (RFI) available to release this fall, so we can collect information on what is available and push out a Request for Proposal (RFP) shortly thereafter
- LINX Transit has a slightly revised Loop schedule that will be effective on July 1st, 2024.

4. CONTINUING BUSINESS:

- None at this time.

5. DISCUSSION / NEW BUSINESS:

- The group consensus for the next meeting was Wednesday, October 16th, 10:00 am, at the Lebanon Senior Center. We will plan to skip November and December. The group can discuss the meeting schedule for 2025, at the next meeting.
- Dorrie mentioned that the city website had changed and she misses the details our calendar used to have. Staff shared that the new website was still undergoing some changes and feedback is welcome. Staff will look into the ability to add more details on the calendar.

6. ADJOURNMENT