



# APPROVED MINUTES

## 50+ ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday, November 17, 2011  
8:30 a.m.  
West End Building – Oswego Room  
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### 1. Roll Call

Janine Dunphy, Marcia Robertson, Debbie Harris, Ed Blossom, Karen Dill Bowerman, Ronni Bennett, Councilor Jordan, Ann Adrian, Teresa O'Halloran. Guests: Jeff (friend of Janine), Eileen Collins. Alternates: Bonnie Cartwright. Absent: Tom Brennan, Chair.

### 2. Approve October 27 Meeting Minutes

Marcia Robertson made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, Janine Dunphy seconded the motion. Minutes approved as submitted.

### 3. Open Public Communication

Eileen Collins, Director of Clackamas County's RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program), attended today to share with the Board about RSVP. This program connects seniors with meaningful jobs within the county. Approximately 37 organizations help match people with other organizations based upon the skills of the senior. These are volunteer placements. Eileen is working with Ann Adrian, LOACC Manager, regarding the food drive for Martin Luther King, Jr Day called "Feed the Dream Event" within Clackamas County. She is also currently recruiting for positions on the Advisory Council with RSVP.

### 4. Old Business

#### 4.1 Comprehensive Plan Update

Due to Tom Brennan's absence there is no update today, update postponed to December.

#### 4.2 City Council Update

- City Council heard from CAC and consultants working on the Foothills plan. Council is trying to schedule another meeting before the end of the year to finish hearing the report, therefore a second meeting including all financial details is planned for Nov 29.
- A Street Car survey report was produced and shared with City Council. An advisory vote is expected in May 2012. It is now important to educate the general public on how the Foothills and Street Car initiatives are intertwined in the entire plan for the area. It is

estimated to take anywhere from 10 to 20 years to complete this plan if approved. Councilor Jordan gave a brief review of the new plan of the area including up to State Street and how things would be designed and laid out. A small discussion ensued regarding the Street Car vote coming in May and what it is actually approving. Councilor Jordan explained the difference between the Street Car and the Foothills Plan and that they are not necessary together right now. If passed, the vote approves a commitment from citizens that they want the Street Car.

- And the relocation of the City Library is continuing to progress.

#### 4.3 ACC Update

- Ann Adrian shared with the Board about the Minter Funds and how we were able to use some of it to update downstairs at the Adult Community Center (ACC) facility. Many updates happened including painting, lighting, flooring, etc... phase two for the lighting is coming.
- The landslide or slope has been rebuilt and the east parking lot is now opened.
- The Lake Oswego Meal Network (LOMN) Board raised \$10,299 at this year's New Season Harvest Fundraiser. Additionally, a grant of \$6000 was also awarded to this program from Clackamas County.
- Two ACC Programs occurred recently that produced large attendance at the ACC: Own Your Future and a Caregiver Event.
- Partnerships within the community are the focus this coming year.
- The Oakridge Senior Housing Project is moving people in on November 17. This is the affordable housing project that was a partnership between NW Housing and Lake Grove Presbyterian Church. The Open house is scheduled for December 9. The ACC is working to program at this facility, beginning with Tai Chi.

#### 5. New Business

##### 5.1 Introduction of new 50+ Board Members and Alternates

Janine Dunphy, stepping in for Tom Brennan today, introduced the new and alternate members of the 50+ Board. Roundtable introductions ensued from existing members and the new members.

Karen Dill Bowerman, originally from California, is interested in building the community and working towards focusing on the community we live in.

Ronni Bennett, originally from Lake Oswego, lived most of her life in New York. Currently, Ronni spends her time producing and working on senior blogs.

Bonnie Cartwright, alternate for this Board is interested in aging and the community. Bonnie currently lives in the First Addition Neighborhood and volunteers for the Festival of the Arts.

The topic of transportation came up. How can this Board engage and serve those who do not drive? A conversation surrounding driving and the aging continued and how this community can address the challenges senior face.

Janine Dunphy provided a high level summary of the Board over the last 5 years including the major goals accomplished. They include:

- Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN) focused originally on providing simple yard work by volunteers for seniors and those with disabilities. This effort evolved into a larger city-wide project.
- Presenting on the Governor's Council regarding access to Doctors who take new Medicare patients in Lake Oswego.
- Worked from the very beginning of this Board to put some kind of transportation shuttle together for seniors to get around the city.
- Making it easier for Secondary Dwelling Units (SDU) to occur in Lake Oswego. Proposed changes to be reflected in the City's Comprehensive Plan.

#### 5.2 Discussion – 50+ Action agenda for 2012

Councilor Jordan said that City Council currently has nothing scheduled in December due to staff changes and other issues. City Council Goal setting and Board presentations to Council has yet to be scheduled. Councilor Jordan suspects that it will not be until February 2012.

Janine Dunphy suggested that this Board has some time and should begin discussing goals at the next meeting in December.

A discussion ensued regarding participation on Boards and Commissions in general. It takes commitment to participate, as we have talked about before, but that commitment tends to fall off the plate. The Council views the Boards of this City as true advisory for the Council when making policy and decisions. Janine Dunphy suggested this was something to think about when creating the goals.

Councilor Jordan did suggest that the joint meeting with Marylhurst get scheduled soon. Mary's Woods continuing care is located in that area. Tom Brennan and Councilor Jordan have been working on bringing their residents into the activity of the City more.

Some discussion ensued about senior meetings at the WEB. There are challenges using the ramp and getting into the building. Something should be proposed to improve the meeting location or the entrance into the WEB building. Suggestions included using volunteers to work meetings or events that involve seniors or to staff the WEB building to let people get in via the front of the building.

Janine Dunphy also reviewed the Board's wish list from the last meeting. On that list was:

- Web based or other communication tools for citizens suggestions.  
Council Jordan reminded the Board that the web-based program, Open City Hall, is an avenue to get feedback. Marcia Robertson is going to contact Bonnie Hirshberger about information regarding Open City Hall. The local newspaper LO Review was also suggested as an avenue for reaching the 50+.

A question was asked about the alternate's responsibility: Janine Dunphy suggested that the alternates be completely involved as board members, voting in consensus decisions, but not official decisions.

5.3 Set Next Meeting Date – Dec 15 at 8:30 a.m.

5.4 Adjourn Meeting