



Minutes of the Eighth Joint Elected Officials Meeting  
August 18, 2004  
Clearwater Park, Springfield, Oregon

The TEAM Springfield group met on August 18, 2004, at 5:30 p.m., at Clearwater Park, Springfield, Oregon.

#### ATTENDANCE

Members in attendance were as follows:

*Willamalane Park & Recreation Board of Directors:* Gregory James, Jim Mayo, Gary Ross and members of the staff.

*Springfield School District Board of Directors:* Laurie Adams, Al King, Bill Medford, Garry Weber and members of the staff.

*Springfield Utility District Board of Directors:* Bobbie Adams, Virginia Lauritsen, Joseph E. Mathieu and members of the staff.

*City of Springfield:* Mayor Sid Leiken, Councilors Anne Ballew, Tammy Fitch, Christine Lundberg, Dave Ralston, John Woodrow and members of the staff.

#### 1. Social / Dinner

The group had an informal social and bbq dinner.

#### 2. Call To Order / Welcome / Self Introductions

Mayor Leiken welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Attendees provided self introductions.

#### 3. Proposed FY 05 Work Plan And Budget

Bob Keefer introduced this topic and briefly spoke of the TS FY 05 work plan. The agenda packet contained TEAM Springfield (TS) FY 05 budget summary information. Each agency (SSD, City, SUB and Willamalane) will contribute \$20,000, a total annual budget of \$80,000 for FY 05.

4. Opportunity For Each Agency Representative To Provide A 5-Minute Summary Of Agency Highlights And Answer Questions From Boards/Council.

Each agency provided a brief summary of their agency activities and highlights.

City of Springfield

Mike Kelly provided a brief update of Springfield activity and noted the last 10 years much has been accomplished in the community and in the future, it's anticipated we will see many more accomplishments in terms of community projects. He reviewed the following points:

- Possibility of purchasing 215 acres of property located south of Highway 126, between 72nd and 79th streets. The property owned by Gray/Jaqua/Cook could be turned into ridge line trail(s) and connect the Potato Hill area to Clearwater Park, the Millrace and Armitage Park.
- Jasper Road Extension phase 1 completed. This will create connection of Eugene-Springfield Highway with Springfield-Creswell Highway or Jasper Road. This will result in traffic congestion reduction in the future.
- Potential for the Glenwood area. He shared brief information regarding the potential Urban Renewal ballot measure and possible creation of Urban Renewal District to use tax increment financing to fund projects.
- Brief information shared regarding the potential Public Safety facility ballot measure.
- Potential economic development – we could hear an announcement soon regarding a business location in the area.

Joseph Mathieu encouraged the city to pursue all grant opportunities we might have before us for funding.

Springfield School District

Board Chair Laurie Adams and Board Member Garry Weber provided an update regarding Springfield School District activities. They provided a handout of the open letter from the Springfield Board of Education, dated June 28, 2004. In addition, a booklet regarding the Springfield Quality Education Model: S-QEM, was also handed out. They noted that the district is looking closely at how to help all students achieve and reach full potentials. The following points were discussed:

- The strong focus on schools – Springfield is one of eight districts in the running for Gates Foundation grant (create an Academy of Arts and Academics within SSD).
- Laptop initiative scheduled for implementation at Springfield Middle School.
- Continued work on Quality Education Model. The group was referred to pages 10 & 11 of the handout/report.
- Community input as referenced in the handout on pages 20-21.
- Brief discussion regarding the 360 degree review

Springfield Utility Board:

Bob Linahan provided an update on Springfield Utility Board activities. He discussed the following:

- Capital project updates including installation of water transmission lines and possible construction of \$2.5 M substation (28<sup>th</sup> and Olympic Streets) in the next two years.
- Update on maintenance projects
- No rate increase in 2005 for electricity.
- Cost is already 28 percent less than state residential average. Water rates could rise a bit over 5 percent next year.
- Other capital budget updates
- Brief information regarding ongoing legal issue with another utility district.
- Additional information regarding Public Utility Commission and territory allocation briefing.

Willamalane:

Willamalane Park and Recreation District Superintendent Bob Keefer provided an update on Willamalane activities as follows:

- Willamalane celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> year serving the community.
- The district has been moving forward with completion of its 20-year Comprehensive Plan. It has been approved by the Board of Directors and will be presented to the Lane County Board of Commissioners and the City in the near future for approval.
- Update regarding the 32<sup>nd</sup> Street Community Sports Center. Bob Keefer thanked Springfield Utility Board and the City of Springfield for assistance with this project. Willamalane is a finalist for a grant in the amount of \$500,000 to build another (2<sup>nd</sup>) synthetic field at the Sports Park.
- Volunteer Park (Mt. Vernon/Holly Street) is near completion with improvements to the playground, irrigation and landscaping. Information was shared regarding this project.
- Information regarding the proposed November (election) bond to construct a new community center. Bob Keefer shared information regarding square footage and cost of the possible new facility (\$4.5 M bond, about \$26 average homeowner per year/17 cents per thousand AV).
- Appreciation was expressed for Springfield Utility Board sponsorship for the Lights of Liberty Celebration.
- Information was briefly discussed regarding the Filbert Festival and the upcoming Fiesta Latina.
- Information was shared regarding Willamalane Adult Activity Center and that they have over 400 volunteers assist with the facility.

Mayor Leiken recognized City Personnel (Public Works Department) Susie Smith for her efforts over the past year and all she has done.

5. Filbert Festival Discussion.

Laurie Adams discussed the annual Filbert Festival event. The Filbert Festival Board was appreciative of all its supporters. Danielle Ralston will serve as Festival chair next year and TS agencies are asked to be supportive of the Festival activities.

Councilor Ralston explained that a proposal to have fundraising up front will be considered. A TS Member noted that there were more sponsors and participants in previous years and we should work on increasing this.

6. Millrace

Ed Black introduced this topic. He recognized Willamalane for the great partnership as well as all of TS members.

He provided a review and update regarding the Millrace project. Following staff presentations, a tour of the millrace was conducted. Various attendees participated in the tour including Clearwater Park location and Vinyard Property.

7. ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 7:00 p.m., the group adjourned and those participating in the tour left the immediate site.

Minutes Recorder: Julie Wilson

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Sidney W. Leiken  
Mayor

Attest:

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Amy Sowa  
City Recorder