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PLANNER JIM MINARD RETIRES, CELEBRATES 20 YEARS



Planner Jim Minard and wife, Marie, prepare to enjoy retired life in a sunnier climate

After 20 years as the City's Planner, Jim Minard presented his last staff reports at the Monday, January 22, Planning Commission meeting. An open house was held the next day to celebrate his retirement. Jim's planning career in Oregon spanned over 30 years stretching from Eastern Oregon to the Willamette Valley.

More than 40 community members, friends, family and staff stopped in to thank him for his years dedicated to the completion of successful projects in Philomath.

Jim had a reputation at the City for always being available to answer questions for projects big or small. He's a Duck fan and an avid duck hunter. More than once, his Beaver Believer co-workers joined in Civil War football bets, though he was never willing to make those bets during baseball season.

In addition to retiring from his part-time

planning duties in Philomath, Jim also retired from similar posts in Tangent and Amity.

Jim's immediate plan is to escape the Oregon rain and soak up some Arizona sunshine. In the meanwhile, the City is working towards an agreement with Benton County, Adair Village, and Monroe to hire a shared Planner. The proposed agreement is scheduled to be on the City Council's February meeting agenda.

Saturday bus service begins

Instead of lounging around the bus barn all weekend as it has always done in the past, on Saturday, January 13th, the Philomath Connection cranked over its engine and spent the day hauling happy passengers back and forth between Philomath and Corvallis.

On its first day of Saturday service, the bus averaged seven riders per hour compared to the weekday average of 11 rides per hour.

Corvallis Transit Coordinator Tim Bates said he rode the 11:15 a.m. run and handed out some freebies. "The passengers on that run," he said, "were universally grateful for Saturday service."

The City will continue to collect ridership data and evaluate the need for Saturday service at the end of the year. The full schedule and route is posted online.

All Committee Vacancies Filled

At its first meeting of the year, the City Council reviewed applications for the Budget Committee, Park Advisory Board and Planning Commission. All the positions that were left open at the end of 2017 were filled with a unanimous vote and expressions of appreciation by the City Council for the applicants' willingness to volunteer.

The Budget Committee had five positions open up at the end of 2017. Marion Dark, Ashley Folgate and Murl Meredith resigned last year while Brian Noakes and Scott Weaver both completed their terms. The City posted notice of the openings and received applications from Margie Brown, Mark Rasmussen, Matt Lehman, Robert Glathar, and Brian Noakes. Each applicant was appointed to the Budget Committee by the City Council.

The Park Advisory Board had four positions vacant at the end of 2017. Patrick Robinson resigned mid-year and the position was left open while Jeff Cohen, Dale Collins and Sonlla Heern completed their terms at the end of the year. Dale and Sonlla applied to serve another three-year term and the City received

applications from new members Elizabeth Elliott and Spencer Irwin, who were both appointed by the City Council to serve on the Park Advisory Board.

The Planning Commission had three positions open at the end of 2017. Shon Heern completed his second consecutive four-year term, including serving as Committee Chair; and Jeannine Gay completed the final nineteen months of the term she had been appointed to. Caleb Nelson resigned at the end of 2017 because he moved out of the area. The City Council received applications from Gary Conner, Steve Boggs and Jeannine Gay, all of whom were appointed to serve on the the Planning Commission.

Volunteering on government committees and boards is a great way to get involved, stay informed and give back to your community. Great city governance requires dedicated volunteers to help keep Philomath a great place to live, work, learn and play. New openings are advertised at the end of the year each year and appointments are typically made by the Council in January.



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SATURDAY SERVICE

Starting January 13, 2018, the Philomath Connection will begin offering Saturday service as part of its regular schedule. The bus stops/shelters and the route direction for Saturday service are exactly the same as weekday service. Saturday service is as follows:

- A one-way run from Philomath to Corvallis beginning at 7:10AM from the Philomath City Library.
- Three round trip runs from Corvallis to Philomath to Corvallis beginning at the Corvallis Downtown Transit Center at 11:15AM, 3:00PM & 5:25PM.

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CITY MEETINGS & EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2018

- Feb. 1 – Public Works Committee, 5 p.m.
- Feb. 6 – Park Advisory Board, 5 p.m.
- Feb. 12 – City Council, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 19 – City offices closed for Presidents' Day Holiday
- Feb. 26 – Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

MARCH 2018

- Mar. 1 – Public Works Committee, 5 p.m.
- Mar. 6 – Park Advisory Board, 5 p.m.
- Mar. 12 – City Council, work session 5:30 p.m., regular meeting 7 p.m.
- Mar. 19 – Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

All meetings are at City Hall unless otherwise indicated. Schedule subject to change. See City website calendar for finalized schedule.