

## Memorandum

Date: December 3, 2015

To: Members, West Linn City Council

From: Don Otterman, Interim City Manager

Subject: Miscellaneous Items

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### 1. Councilor Martin Swearing In & Pictures

- Councilor Martin will be sworn in on December 7.
- You have an Executive Session at 4:30 on labor negotiations.
- A photographer will be at city hall at 5:00 to take a group photo and headshots of Councilor Martin.
- Immediately following, you will record your holiday greeting for TVCTV.
- At 5:30, you will meet with local Boy Scouts.
- Then, we will have a special meeting where Judge Bernstein will conduct the swearing in, and then commence the scheduled meeting.

### 2. City Manager Recruitment

- Councilor Perry and Council President Frank will provide you with a recommendation to hire Prothman as the recruitment firm for the city manager search.
- An agenda item for you to approve the contract on the December 7 meeting agenda.

### 3. Recreational Marijuana Prohibition Memorandum

- Please be thinking about your preferred approach on the recreational marijuana prohibition next steps as described by the Assistant City Attorney in [last week's memorandum](#).
- It will be important for the city council to make a decision in the coming weeks on this topic.

### 4. Highway 43 Interjurisdictional Transfer

- I anticipate a council work session in early January to further discuss the option of an interjurisdictional transfer with ODOT of Highway 43.

### 5. Sustainability Advisory Board

- Please see the attachment with the SAB's recommendation on the Mary S. Young off-leash proposal.

**6. West Linn Chamber of Commerce**

- The city has renewed its membership with the Chamber for 2016. The cost is \$500.

**7. Highway 43 Conceptual Plan Update**

- Please share with your networks the chance to provide input on design to make Highway 43 into a comfortable connection for people walking, bicycling, riding transit, driving, and moving freight through the corridor.
- The city seeks input on where citizens would like to see pedestrian crossings and transit stop locations and feedback on potential designs.
- This design work is an update to the Highway 43 Conceptual Design Plan, which was initially created in 2008. The update will build on the work done to develop the existing plan with refinements to take into account innovative designs and create a plan that we can implement.
- A special website has been developed to collect feedback, at <http://highway-43.com>.

**Attachments**

SAB recommendation on MSY off-leash proposal



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# CITY OF West Linn

## Memorandum

Date: December 7, 2015

To: City Council and Mayor Axelrod

From: Sustainability Advisory Board

Subject: Lifting of Leash Requirements in Mary S. Young State Park

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As City Council prepares to re-examine West Linn's off-leash policy at Mary S. Young Park, the Sustainability Advisory Board urges Council to consider the aspects of sustainability before making a final decision.

### Background

The year 2006 was a banner year for sustainability in West Linn.

1. First, City Council adopted its current West Linn Sustainable West Linn Strategic Plan, which provides a sustainable vision and goals to move West Linn forward in the 21st century.
2. Second, the City completed its first comprehensive survey of natural lands, which found that 31% of the land area within West Linn's urban growth boundary (1,650 acres) is protected from development — including parks, open space, wetlands and drainage setbacks.

In 2008, West Linn City Council established the Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) to provide recommendations and citizen input for the implementation of the Sustainable West Linn Strategic Plan. Much of the original Strategic Plan has been realized, and the Sustainable West Linn Strategic Plan – Update 2015, drafted by the SAB, now awaits Council's approval.

### Habitat Protection

Mary S. Young Park is a unique asset for West Linn. Owned by the State and operated by the City, it provides multi-use recreational facilities, for people and dogs, adjacent to the Willamette River. As part of the larger Willamette River watershed, its various streams are part of the riparian corridor that has long been a focus of erosion control measures and habitat restoration and protection efforts, especially carried out by volunteers.

Consistent with the tenets of the draft Sustainable West Linn Strategic Plan – Update 2015, the protection and restoration of natural areas is important for the benefit of people, land, flora, and fauna. With respect to sustainability, this means:

- Preserving and restoring the integrity of ecosystems so that they are supportive of biodiversity.

- Designing and maintaining a network of green infrastructure features that integrate with the built environment to preserve ecosystem services and provide associated benefits to the West Linn community.
- Protecting, enhancing, and restoring nature ecosystems and cultural landscapes in order to build resilience and to support clean water and air, our food supply, and public safety.

#### A Sustainable Approach

Sustainability means conserving, developing, and using resources in a manner that enables people to meet their needs today while also ensuring that ecosystems and future generations can meet all needs of their own. The silent voice of the habitat also needs to be heard when considering any land use options at Mary S. Young Park. For the present, the SAB recommends no changes in the Park's off-leash policy until more study is done with respect to habitat impacts.