

2018 Advisory Group & Neighborhood Association Annual Reports

Advisory Group/Neighborhood Association

Public Safety Advisory Board

Group Leadership

Please indicate your group chair and vice chair, or president and officers.

Thomas Freedland (Chairman)

Open (Vice Chairman)

Kris Duncan (Secretary)

Meeting Times, Dates & Location –

Please indicate the recurring dates, times and locations of your meetings. Also include the total number of times your group met in 2017.

The Public Safety Advisory Board meets monthly on the fourth Monday at 19:00 in the John Satter Community Room at the West Linn Police Department. In 2018, the citizen advisory group met a total of 11 times; there was no meeting in December to avoid scheduling conflicts over the holidays.

2018 Accomplishments

Please describe your group's notable accomplishments during 2018.

- Assisted with the organization of September 2018 Emergency Preparedness Fair which drew about 150 people from the community.
- Through a donation we sent 7 teenage drivers to the Tire Rack Street Survival program, a one day, hands on driving school held at Portland International Raceway.
- Board members Judy Wiechmann and Kris Duncan facilitated (number) Map Your Neighborhood orientation/training meetings, and are continuing to promote and schedule meetings into 2019.
- The board met with Paul Braunstein (First Net) and Shane Boyle (City of West Linn Information Technology Director) on the function and integration of the First Net broadband system to be used by the City's public safety agencies/departments.
- The board met with WLPD Officer John Huntsman regarding Mental Health resources and policy/procedures utilized by field officers to deescalate and assist individuals contending with mental health issues that require a public safety response.



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2018 Challenges

Please describe challenges your group faced in 2018.

- Coordinating with scholarship winners to firm commitments to participate in the teen driving school events that were held in the spring and fall at Portland International Raceway. This continued as a problem this year, in part, due to the date of the classes and semester/vacation breaks West Linn High. At the end of 2018 we started a different selection process which we hope will correct this problem in 2019.
- Recruiting neighborhood captains to hold Map Your Neighborhood training sessions.

2019 Goals

What are your goals for 2019, and how can the City Council assist your group in achieving these goals?

- Continue important board initiatives:
 - Conduct Map Your Neighborhood training sessions throughout the community.
 - Partner with the Youth Advisory Council on promoting the Street Survival Scholarship.
 - Implement new application/selection process for teenage drivers to attend the Street Survival driving program.
 - Community outreach with groups like Community Living Above, West Linn Alliance for Inclusive Community, and others in West Linn with an interest in public safety.
- Partner with Oregon Impact and the West Linn Wilsonville School District to put on an event that simulates a multiple-fatality drunken driving accident in an effort to raise awareness in a community (carryover from 2018).

Any additional feedback to share with the City Council?

Please include any additional information you would like the City Council to be aware of as they review your group's report.

To help the board raise funds from the community to support its public safety initiatives, it needs a mechanism to collect donations from individuals who can deduct these contributions from their taxes. We have found a workaround for the Street Survival program as their oversight organization is an approved charity for donations to be tax deductible, but other projects needing funding, such as Map Your Neighborhood supplies remain a problem.