

Minutes General Meeting.

April 9, 2024

JWN General Meeting

"This meeting is intended to be a place for the respectful and civil exchange of ideas and information. We ask all in attendance to honor this ethic by keeping questions and comments civil, concise and without commentary of a personal nature. In practice, this means addressing the topic, not the presenter or the organization, and being courteous to our guests."

This meeting is being recorded and will be posted online.

Draft Agenda (6:30-8:30)

6:37-6:45 Introductions, Announcements, Comments, New Business [Sandra Bishop]

Community Announcements:

- New city web sight, and a new dog park (6th and Jefferson), New business Abilities Diner, in the old Falling Sky location, Monroe and 8th.

6:43-7:30: Executive Board Election [Dave Hurst]

- Q&A about election process.
 - **Why did we previously have floor nominations?**
A: To allow more people to run. If a candidate ran for a seat and lost, then they could run for another position. It Allowed some flexibility.
- Ask for two volunteers to count ballots. **(2 volunteers where found – none board members, none regulars)**
- Announce the slate of candidates.
 - **Peter Asked for help with engagement for the neighborhood, resources, space, ideas etc. He wanted significantly more engagement.**
- Open the floor for Q&A
- Vote/vote count/results
 - **Results:**
 - **Chair: Ted Coopman**
 - **Vice Chair: Sandra Biship**
 - **At large 1: Penny Melquist**
 - **At large 2: Peter Borden**

- At large 3: Sue Cummings
- At large 4: Rene Kane
- At large 5: Stephanie Coopman

7:08-8:00: Start Voting with Sara Wolk and Kellyn Stanley

- It's an upgrade to our voting system. It is particularly better for when there is more than one candidate. It combats vote splitting. Reduces binary choice and toxicity.
- Equal Vote Coalition, Equal.vote is the mother organization behind STAR voting.
- Rank choice voting requires that ALL ballots must be tallied together before any results can be tabulated.
- Please vote in May for STAR voting. The big change would be that it would reduce runoff's. If adopted it would make STAR voting the default for EWEB and Mayor, it would eliminate the primary for those seats.
- Eugene would be the first municipal in the nation to adopt. STAR Voting, its been as vetted as possible. (STAR voting was invented in Eugene.)
- Starvoting.org/articles for a peer reviewed paper on STAR Voting.
 - Question :who's against STAR Voting?
 - A: People who think "Change is bad," "the system works for us" "ranked choice voting lobbyists."
 - When will you be on the Oregon State wide ballot?
 - A: We won't know till July but we're trying.
 - Where is STAR voting being used?
 - A: It's being used internally within parties and organizations.
 - What are some possible unintended consequences / and criticisms:
 - A: Primaries are skipped for STAR voting there are pros and Cons.
 - A: Confusion is the big criticism, but its simpler than ranked choice.
 - What is the Status of Ranked Choice Voting in OR?
 - A: Benton County and some of Portland are implementing, and there is a State wide initiative, and its suspected that it will not pass

constitutional review. Nationally Ranked Choice is tumultuous. STAR voting is significantly more scalable and applicable.

- Can you have a write in candidate?
 - A: Yes.

7:31-8:30: EPD Chief Skinner Q&A [Sandra Bishop]

- **Department Down 25 officers!**
- **Eugene has a robust CSO Community Safety Officer, Neighborhood support officers.**
- **Mobil app, and internet reporting implemented.**
- **Moving campers often involves clean up, and that's a huge lift with multiple departments.**
- **Added a behavioral health specialist, Case Management is a huge issue**
- **Gearing up for the revision reforms of 110.**
- **Working with the county and a deflection program**

Question:

- **Cahoots and their roll, and the PD's relationship, Does Cahoots have contract stability?**
 - **Contracts are yearly, and its likely to continue to continue for now. The Fire chief will know more.**
 - **Cahoots is having a renaissance, and is struggling. The workers unionized and that's challenging. Cahoots contract has been moved to the Fire department and emergency response rather than law enforcement.**
- **Redlight cameras and traffic?**
 - **That's out of traffic and transportation – Vision zero. There is a need for more traffic enforcement!**
- **What is the policy of camping in the Median strip? Can you press charges?**
 - **You can press charges, its rare but, yes. City Council "planting strip" is technically city easement and home owner is expected to maintain it. Camping**

there can be considered a trespass. You can put into the militance system. – you have the right to ask them to move.

- **What about jail bed capacity? And how to move forward?**
 - It is what it is. \$230 per bed per day in Lane County Eugene. We're dependent on our partners to offer beds. It'll be interesting to see how ballot measure 110 changes. This will force a change. It'll give access because it'll go through the DA instead of the circuit court.
- **What is call response time Average?**
 - Priority 1 response times 1-2 minutes
- **Where is (how front of mind) is "Protect and serve" motto in the organization?**
 - Our values are "Integrity, compassion, and courage." When recruiting we use "Come serve with us."
- **What's the pipe line look like?**
 - It's important to hire the right human being, looking for character, then can be trained. Looking for communicators and high EQ.
 - 12-15 month the process.
- **Public Safety and DPST training?**
 - Hearing cases and discipline. OR is really good at decertifying an officers. OR is good at not sharing bad apples.
- **Decarbonization – why are vehicles are left running?**
 - Newer vehicles are equipped with auto off. Cars are equipped with lots of electronica and that requires power. PD is moving to a hybrid fleet.
- **Internet crimes against Children.**
 - ICAC here locally more training and coordination with state and federal agencies.
 - Using volunteerism to help with domestic violence. Trying to help the victim.

8:23 Adjourn