

**League of Women Voters of Thurston County
Minutes, Board meeting, May 1, 2019 1:30-3:30pm**

Olympia Unitarian Universalist Church, 2315 Division St. NW, Olympia 98502

Present: Sandra Herndon, Mary Moore, Shelley Ferer, Cynthia Pratt, Sue Bredensteiner, Paula Holroyde, Julie Frick and Carol Goss

Absent: Annie Cubberly, Connie Christy, Zena Hartung & Valerie Hammett

Guests: Tony Wilson, Friends of Rocky Prairie,

Incoming board members -Gail Gosney Wrede and R.Peggy Smith and Karen Tvedt, Board Observer

Call to order- Meeting called by Sandra at 1:15 pm

Shared lunch/snack items. *Thanks to all for making it happen!*

As we finished our lunch, Tony Wilson, with Friends of Rocky Prairie presented the board with 2 primary concerns about a proposed project proposal in Rocky Prairie:

1. The Thurston County Commissioners are considering a permitting change in the Maytown site (owned by the Port of Tacoma), allowing the proposal to jump ahead in the docket. This will allow the permit to be front and center for a vote, ahead of other permits.
2. The property changes proposed, is for intermodal storage logistics center i.e. "warehousing." Large warehouses will be built for commercial trucking and transporting goods. According to FORP, this purpose is non-conforming to the conditions and rules, making the project illegal and unfeasible. Citizens of Thurston County have opposed this proposal because it violates Thurston County Code 20.29.020 (5) any warehousing in Rural Resource Industrial zoning must be within 1/2 mile of the freeway. South County citizens, some longtime residents and some new, have invested substantial funds to acquire and/or maintain rural homes and property (for their horses, llamas, cattle, etc.), away from noise and congestion. Departments of Natural Resources, Wildlife and Ecology have also expressed concerns as it is delicate habitat.

The FORP are asking the LWV-TC for the following:

- Letter to the BoCC outlining the League's position to protect water and other natural resources
- Attend BoCC meetings to ask them not to make a decision out of order of business, i.e. let this proposal to "jump ahead"

Paula proposed she and Tony meet and outline talking points for speaking and writing opportunities to promote conserving the Rocky Prairie area. Sandra encouraged us to continue to show up at hearings wearing our LWV-TC button and ask questions.

The next Board of Supervisors Meeting is 9:00am May 7th at the County Courthouse Building #1 Room 280.

1. Call to order and announcements

Sandra Herndon

- **May 17 Olympic Trials Legacy Committee Luncheon.** - Julie Frick

The Luncheon will be held at the Red Lion on Fri, May 17, 2019 from 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM.

The featured speaker will be Jacqueline Hansen, author, two-time marathon world record holder, and women's division winner of the 1973 Boston Marathon. She will be speaking on the "Right to Run, Right to Vote". The League is a co-sponsor. Please encourage friends and colleagues to order tickets and show up.

- **Ed Fund Luncheon** – Julie

Reported on the on-going planning for the Ed Fund Luncheon. The date is set – October 26 at Indian Summer, same site as 2018. Keynote speakers under consideration are Supreme Court Justice, Mary Yu, Michelle Gonzales and former WA Governor Chris Gregoire. More to come.

Sue reported that she has been working with Ralph Cumberland (our member techie) tweaking the NationBuilder data base. NationBuilder has some complications making it challenging for the website to work exactly as we would like. Shelley Ferer has explored the idea of identifying our tech needs and suggested we hire a website manager to continue to manage the features of the website and continue to update as software as technology changes along with the various tech needs of the League. There was discussion about having a small group conduct an analysis of our tech needs.

7. **Summer events**

Sandra Herndon

Annual Meeting will elect members for open positions. Eight elected board members will appoint four one-year members (as per by-laws)

Retreat of full new board to outline plans for the year

Member picnic

The general meeting adjourned at 2:00pm and the Board development discussion began at 2:10 and adjourned 3:50 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Carol Goss

May 1st Board Minutes were approved by email on May 10, 2019.