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make certain that other recommendations are being followed through on.

The co-chairs of the MWHI task force, Clark, Salem Mayor Chuck Bennett and Marion County Commissioner Janet Carlson, planned to present the idea to the WVCOG executive committee Feb. 16 followed by rollout to the full MWVCOG leadership on March 21.

Clark said a similar position had been set up at the Lane County Council of Governments with success, in making the recommendation.

"A lot of what we've talked about is developing mutual respect and coordination. What the COG does is bring the people together to move from understanding to collaboration," Clark said.

While Marion and Polk counties have had representatives attend meetings, Clark said representatives of Yamhill County, which is also part of MWVCOG, is now interested in what has been learned.

Shaney Starr, executive director of Court Appointed Special Advocates and a member of

the homelessness initiative, expressed some reservations with the recommendation coming during the last hour of the last meeting.

"There's so many questions that have yet to be discussed and talked about that make me wonder what the downstream structure will look like," Starr said.

While there was some echoing of such concerns, Clark, Bennett and Carlson will establish a transition team to guide the position's structure at MWVCOG.

"We have generous, thoughtful offers to fund a position at the COG and we may not have had a lot of time to think about alternatives, but there are no other alternatives on the table right now," said Marion County Judge David Leith, a member of the initiative.

Starr ended up supporting the recommendation with the caveat that she wanted to see the project manager produce some sort of quarterly check-in that would be distributed to members of the initiative.

"I don't know how many others on the task force volunteered at the warming center, but we owe it to the people experiencing homelessness some sort of check-in with the process as it's working at COG,"

Starr said.

While many of the recommendations will require the collaboration of numerous local public and private organizations, Jon Reeves, executive director of Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency, said it was incumbent on everyone involved to begin thinking about new ways to approach problems.

"All the organizations that have chosen to be engaged in this process - and all of the partners that have decided not to be part of it - darn well better be involved in the process we are moving forward on. And we all better be bending in a way that we are all doing something differently. We've all done what we've done and this is where we're at," Reeve said.

After the meeting, Clark said tapping into budget year-end savings might be one way Keizer could support the new position, or the contribution could become part of the 2017-18 budget discussions.

"The costs of handling service issues for homeless people in Keizer are growing and I believe we need to be active participant in solutions," Clark said.

She also didn't rule out the city partnering with a local benefactor.

obituaries

Robert "Bob" Riley Beck

January 1, 1935 - February 7, 2017

Robert "Bob" Riley Beck, 82, passed away Thursday, February 2, 2017 in Chanute, Kan.

Bob was born on January 1, 1935, in Chanute, the son of Clifford Riley and Bertha (Pruitt) Beck. He graduated from Valley Center High School in 1953. He joined the Navy after graduating high school and served four years.

On Nov. 22, 1958, he married Donna (Bryant) Beck



Bob Beck

in Mechanicville, NY. Bob and Donna lived in Woodbridge, Virginia from 1963-2001 and then moved to Keizer, Oregon. Donna passed away in 2003. In July 2012, Bob married Mary Lou Montgomery and moved to Kansas.

Bob worked as a systems design engineer for Melpar Systems in Falls Church, Va., for 30 years. While living in

Virginia, Bob enjoyed camping with his family and fishing. He also enjoyed playing golf and played almost daily.

Bob is survived by his wife, Mary Lou Beck; his daughters Sandy Lacy (Beck), Melanie Beck, step-daughter Sheila Brown, granddaughter Jennifer Beck, step-granddaughter Riley Brown, and great grandson Benson Beck. He also left behind three sisters and brothers-in-law, Eudora and Orlin Loucks, Shirley and Bob Smart, and Nancy and Tom Ummel. He was preceded in death by his sister Lois Koehn.

police scanner

MONDAY, FEB. 6

• 7 p.m. - Burglary on 6000 block Ulali Drive NE.

TUESDAY, FEB. 7

• 1:47 a.m. - Fleeing or attempting to elude police officer and reckless driving on 700 block Plymouth Drive NE.
• 8:12 p.m. - Arrest for delivery and possession methamphetamine on 4100 block River Road N.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8

• 6:09 p.m. - Burglary on 3200 block Jack Street N.

THURSDAY, FEB. 9

• 8:11 p.m. - Arrest for DUII on 500 block Chemawa Road N.

FRIDAY, FEB. 10

• 12:01 a.m. - Accident on 6600 block Veranda Court N.
• 9:41 a.m. - Burglary on 500

block Dietz Ave NE.
• 4:06 p.m. - Stalking order violation on 1300 block Shady Lane NE.

SATURDAY, FEB. 11

• 7:51 p.m. - Arrest for driving while suspended on 1100 block Susan Court NE.
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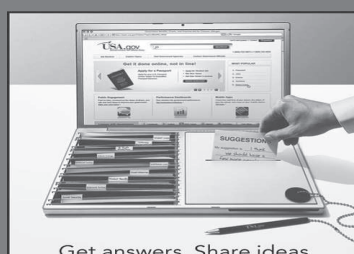
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