

Community foundation announces new board members for 2021

The Western Lane Community Foundation (WLCF) appointed people to fill this year's openings on its board of directors. Board President Karen Skulley and Executive Director Gayle Vinchesi are pleased to announce the elections of Cindy Forsythe, Susan Tive, Bob Orr and Karen Earnshaw to the board. Continued service will include Vice President Sheldon Meyer, Secretary Bonnie Allen, Treasurer Sandra Kuhlman and Sally Wantz.

Forsythe grew up in Florence and was a recipient of one of the first scholarships issued by WLCF at age 17. She made it clear through her career as Justice of the Peace in Florence for 25 years. Her heart and ambition is in the community. She has served as a board member of Lane Community College, as governor's advisor on Courts of Special Jurisdiction, as well as a previous board member for WLCF. Her contribution to WLCF from 2012-18 provided greater awareness of the foundation

in our community enabling an increase in donations and grant/scholarship recipients.

Forsythe feels it is a privilege to belong to an organization such as WLCF that enhances our community by supporting so many causes that improve quality of life.

Tive is co-owner of City Lights Cinemas here in Florence and is the head of philanthropy for Salt Lake Film Society in Utah. Her work as a business owner, fundraiser and development professional over the last 20 years has only increased her commitment to the importance of arts and cultural institutions in communities large and small. Tive is excited to serve as a board member with WLCF and help further its mission to improve life for all residents of Western Lane County.

Orr and his wife moved to the Florence area five years ago. Since then, they have loved the opportunity to get involved in local activities. For the past several years, Orr



has been a full-time volunteer (and currently a staff member) at Siuslaw High School, offering college and career advising while assisting with other counseling services. He is also a member of Dunes City Council, Rotary Club of Florence and the Facilities Advisory Committee of the Siuslaw School District. The Orrs have two grown children: a daughter who teaches in Portland, and a son who is a software engineer in Pittsburgh. Orr is particularly pleased to be a

member of the WLCF board as he feels it is a vital organization for the entire community, and touches the lives of everyone in the area, through grants to many different organizations as well as scholarships to graduating seniors and others.

Earnshaw has been a resident of Florence for 20 years with her husband Steve. While working through a life-long career in banking, she has always found the time and commitment to be involved with the community she lives in. Locally through organizations such as American Cancer Society, Florence Area Community Coalition and Ford Family Foundation Leadership, Earnshaw has placed herself in positions of leadership and volunteerism. Giving back to the community is of paramount importance for her and her family. WLCF offers the perfect opportunity to represent that.

Earnshaw said she respects WLCF because it reaches the broad spectrum of needs and growth to the

community in a caring and highly ethical manner.

WLCF is celebrating its 45th anniversary this year. The board of directors is responsible for more than \$9,000,000 in managed funds under the auspices of the Oregon Community Foundation.

WLCF is a nonprofit organization chartered for the purpose of receiving, administering and distributing charitable funds for the benefit of residents in western Lane County, Ore. Resources come from individuals, businesses and other organizations.

The community foundation then selects qualified recipients for funding, based on need, in the form of grants, scholarships and donations for specific projects. WLCF also manages funds designated for use by other nonprofit organizations. The area served is Florence, Mapleton, Dunes City and Deadwood, Ore.

For more information, contact Vinchesi at 541-997-1274 or visit www.wlcfonline.com.

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"As the council can see from the above listing, this is not only a 16-inch water main project, but also addresses a known stormwater deficiency at Ninth and Ivy streets regarding the 42-inch stormwater culvert, as well as a street improvement project," Miller said. "Since we are opening the street for the new 16-inch water main we are also addressing the need to totally repave Ninth Street between Rhododendron and Kingwood and Ninth Street between Rhododendron and Juniper."

Once the water, storm and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements are completed, the contractor will then complete a grind/

inlay of hot mix asphalt cement over a geotextile material to prevent reflection of any cracks through the new asphalt.

Part of repaving Ninth Street will ensure that all of the existing curb ramps and sidewalks meet current ADA requirements and guidelines.

Miller further reviewed elements of the project and the anticipated costs.

He then presented the bids received by Public Works and recommended the council accept the proposal from Laskey Clifton Corporation for \$2,027,014.78, which is \$86,546.22 under the engineer's estimate and is \$128,321.22 less than the total budgeted amount remaining for this project.

The council unanimously

approved Laskey's proposal.

Florence City Council also considered Resolution No. 9, Series 2021, an official affirmation of the 1988 Fair Housing Amendment Act which is required for approval of the city's Community Development Block Grant.

The resolution stated, "Let it be known to all persons of the City of Florence that discrimination in the sale, rental, lease, advertising of sale, rental or lease, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage or rental services because of race, color, religion, sex, disability (physical or mental), familial status (children) or national origin is prohibited by Title VIII of the federal Fair Housing

Amendments Act of 1988.

It is the policy of the City of Florence to support the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 and to implement a Fair Housing Program to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, disability (physical and mental), familial status (1. children, and 2. actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity or marital status or its members), or national origin."

The quarterly financial statements were then reviewed by Florence Administrative Services Director Anne Baker, for the period ending Dec. 31, 2020. These can be reviewed in the materials for the meeting at ci.florence.or.us.

Baker also spoke with council about the impact COVID has had on revenues. She said the impacts have not been as severe as anticipated and, while affecting budget considerations, should not deeply impact Florence's long-term fiscal stability.

During the staff reports, Reynolds turned to Assistant City Manager Megan Messmer for an update on the work being done by the Western Lane Emergency Operations Group (WLEOG).

Messmer reported the emergency group has updated its communications technologies to include more links and alert sign ups, including for a new alert which will soon be available in Florence.

"One of the alerts you may

have heard of recently is the 'Shake Alert System' came online in Oregon on March 1, which is the anniversary of the tsunami which took place in Japan," she said.

The system has already been deployed in California and should provide another way for individuals to remain aware of potential local disasters.

During Reynolds' city manager report, she reminded people that there are increasing opportunities to receive a COVID-19 vaccine and the best way to be included in the vaccination push was to register at the Lane County COVID-19 webpage at www.lanecounty.org/coronavirus.

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