

WHITEAKER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A CITY OF EUGENE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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WCC Board Meeting 3/17/21:

Attendance:

Board Members: Chris Gadsby, Chair; Andrew Price, Vice-Chair; Katie Guske, Treasurer; Angie Byers, Secretary; Gail Caru-Vetter; Margaret Steinbrunn; Anand Holtham-Keathley; Johnny Skirving; Dilenia Cardona

Attendees: Jennifer Hoover, Emma Jones, Stephen Fuller-Rowell, Sigh O’Nara; Thea Lee

Open Comments:

Jennifer Hoover: Did you have a chance to look into the recordings to put them onto YouTube.

The Mission has male and female beds available.

Voting: How do we alert people who are eligible to vote. Let’s use the language of having to have attended one meeting within the past year, and when/where to vote. The people of the Whiteaker received the mailer, where the information was added. Chris will email from his list, Angie will post it on the Whiteaker Business Page, Margaret will scan the mailer and post it on the Neighborhood Open Page. Chris: Should we have our voting meeting in the church? It can hold 50% capacity. Will bring it up with Eli. We could use a projector screen to add those that are unwilling to meet in person.

Email: Can we remove all of the devices tonight? Chris has removed them today. Can we change the password again? Chris will change it again.

Minutes: Angie will post a directive to read all minutes for approval for the April board meeting. Angie will connect with Andrew to make sure he has access again.

Charter: The way we are doing our elections is not the same way we voted to change in the charter. We wanted to make it so there were staggered elections to reduce a “brain drain”.

New Subcommittee: It would be nice to have a sub-committee on homeless issues. We would like to organize/work with these groups. Could we move those not in the W/J park into the park. It currently houses 176 people, Chris: I believe that it could house 100 more. Chris will bring the subcommittee up for a vote at the next meeting. Dilenia: Would it be the council’s job to work on safety, trafficking issues? Chris: Chief Skinner said they were hiring more Community Resource Officers. Park Ambassadors are being paid to be there. Dilenia: there are grants for community

and security that can go to community organizations. Chris: There is self-policing in the park. Anand: We should connect those that would like to start a neighborhood safety patrol with the park ambassadors. Chris: Group “The Way Home” has noticed overlap in services provided.

Motions:

1. Hand Sanitizer Station: Angie: I propose to spend an additional \$550 for hand sanitizer stations. Margaret seconded. Passed.
2. Taxi Ads: Johnny: I motion that we spend \$500 for taxi ads. Margaret seconded, Passed.
3. Additional PPE: Margaret motioned that we spend up to \$10,000 of money not allocated from grant (whatever is left from current allocated spending). Gail seconded. Passed.
4. Jackson Foundation Grant: Ian: Would like to apply for the Jackson Foundation Grant due 3/31/21. Did not get the Collins Foundation Grant. Angie seconded. Passed.
5. Vaccine Messaging: Ian motions that we target vaccine passive, vaccine hesitant, and the vulnerable groups we focused on before (elders, unhoused, renters, and BIPOC members). We will use confident-boosting sources like trusted PCP’s and faith leaders . When talking about the science piece, talk about herd immunity and how it can get us back to “normal”. Gail: Seconded. Passed.

Vaccine Messaging Discussion:

Ian: Sees that the vaccine hesitant and the vaccine passive individuals are the most important to target. Chris, we should reach out to those in the park. The one at the Fairgrounds requires a vehicle. Jennifer: There are some that are able to go on their bikes. Margaret: The city are putting together a team to work specifically with the homeless camps and the camps along the river. As of the 28th, unhoused are included in the new criteria. Stephen F-R: There have been various focus groups specifically for vaccine hesitancy, they typically listen to their pastors and their PCPs. It might be best to work with local pastors. Chris: There are good liaisons in the park. Dilenia: Whitebird is working to get the one-shot vaccine for their population. Gail: Would like to know if there will be another vaccine clinic. Ian: Unsure if we’ll get another chance. We should submit our strategy and after-action report to OHA/Lane County Public Health. Anand: DRugstores, pharmacies are creating no-show lists for others to fill in those gaps. We should find out if we could use the “no show” feature, which includes those not in the current vaccine group, but the next step down. Dilenia: Were we using the Unhoused Outreach Building for future vaccine sites? Chris: We have a meeting next week, but the city has been difficult to work with around using it. It’s been rented for a full year, and all that it has been used for are two outreach members to address w/j park. It’s also supposed to be used for WhiteBird. Making it easier to walk to get the shot is going to be a lot easier. Anand: Those unhoused may respond to a survey, but it’s might be best to have their medical service providers to give them the information. Chris: Also, people that are feeding them. Margaret: The incentives we gave to WhiteBird and HIV Alliance are used specifically for this group. HIV Alliance is targeting those in

W/J Park. Gail: We should not be putting people on the spot about getting a vaccine, but there are many with legitimate health concerns that cannot be vaccinated.

Angie suggested that Ian serve as the spokesperson for any OHA grant interviews. Chris stated it should go through him, as he is the spokesperson for the group, and that Angie should cc the entire OHA Grant Team.