

WHITEAKER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A CITY OF EUGENE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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WCC Board Meeting 4/21/21

In Attendance:

Board: Ian Winbrock, Dilenia Cardona, Angie Byers, Jennifer Hoover, Margaret Steinbrunn, Claire Roth, Theresa Burchell, Dan Schmidt, Andrew Martin, Thea Lee, Johnny Skirving,

Katie Guske, Okra, Sigh O’Nara, Margaret Mazzotta, Iska Johnson, Claire Schechtman, Emma Jones

To Do:

- Angie will write up minutes from the last meeting, as well as post previous minutes from February through April.
- Board will return Diversity Questionnaire and Code of Conduct
- Angie will provide updated officer information to the Office of Human Rights
- Angie will contact CALC to support the 4J School Board Candidate Forum
- Ian will send the After Action Report, Old and New Charter to everyone, and the notes from the Metro Land Use Application.

7:00pm / Introductions, Meeting facilitation process and Agenda review

7:05 / Board Introductions

- All present members introduced themselves, and stated why they wanted to join the board.

7:20pm / Public Comment

Dilenia Cardona: I have a question for Ian, as I was confused about last week’s elections. My understanding was that you’re going for an at-large membership, as you were going to school. At the last minute that changed. What changed for you? **Ian Winbrock:** I will still be attending school, but with a flexible schedule. I was struggling with the board, and with Chris as a chair. I didn’t feel that his leadership was one I wanted to get behind. I know that community members feel that I abused their trust, and I will own that. I made a decision that I felt was in the best interest of the organization, and the work we have to do together. I will share any more information privately. **Dilenia Cardona:** It felt like dirty politics, and I would like to make a motion that candidates should be known at least one meeting in advance. **Dan Schmidt:** I feel that some amount of transparency is important. I hope that we can work together as we are a bound neighborhood, and only some people are going to speak up. **Margaret Steinbrunn:** To address what Dilenia says, there has been a new Charter at the Office of the City Attorney and the Office of Human Rights and Neighborhood Involvement. We are in the middle of changing the charter, so I think we should put that off to get approved with our charter. **Jennifer Hoover:** I agree with Margaret, as the right of people are historically nominated. **Thea Lee:** Our new charter sets the

election at two different times of the year, so that there is never a whole clean slate of a board. It might be a possibility to get a recommendation of change versus getting a new charter. **Ian Winbrock**: I think ethical is more important to me than allowable, so I want to hear you out. There has been a motion. Our charter functions as our by-laws with the 501-3C and our funding with the city. We would not be able to ratify or make changes until April. **Andrew Martin**: Our neighbors do get to show up to be eligible to vote, and it could be considered stacking, but it's also their option. Will this amendment actually be changed as the charter is still up for discussion? **Ian Winbrock**: I suggest a friendly amendment to create an ad hoc charter committee to have an Article 9 language that separates the officer from the at-large members expectations.

Motion: Dilenia to become chair of an ad-hoc committee to update the election portion of the charter. Margaret seconds. Unanimous vote yes.

7:35pm / Whiteaker Community Market 2021 season with Market Manager Claire Schechtman

- Market needs for 2021 season
 - The Market starts 5/2, and will be open every Sunday until mid-October from 11-4pm.
 - Updates: *Claire Schechtman*: We were pretty good operating with the safety regulations. It means we require market-goers to wear face coverings, and our vendors are spaced 10 feet apart. We also have hand-washing stations on site. Our challenges include resistance to wearing face-masks. We would like to have individuals trained in de-escalation to help us be welcoming, and to help with any conflict. We will not have programming in Scobert Park or live music, to not encourage gatherings. Also, we got a grant to increase our double-up food bucks match from \$10/day to \$20/day to match SNAP, EBT benefits.
 - *Angie Byers*: How can the board support you? Covid-safety messaging. *Claire Schechtman*: We could use sandwich boards on Sundays to help with community safety messaging. We could also use hand sanitizer stations. *Dilenia Cardona*: Who is doing the de-escalation training? *Claire Schechtman*: White Bird will be doing a de-escalation training. We could use two hand sanitizer stations, and possibly supplies at the Porta-Potty.
 - *Thea Lee*: Porta-Potties will be cleaned 2x/day, and will be moved further from the residence.
 - *Dan Schmidt*: Could CAHOOTS have a presence there once or twice a month to discuss safety protocols, as well as cooperation and community spirit?
 - *Dan Schmidt*: There could be signage like OCF that gives directions in a kind way. There could be instructions around where to stand, how much distance to give, etc...

- *Margaret*: Would you need the items delivered to you on Sundays, or could you store it? *Claire Schectman*Storage: We store items at Equiano now, and maybe they could stay there.
- *Jennifer Hoover*: Do you have an information booth, and a list of vendors? *Claire Schectman*: Yes, the first booth is the information booth. We don't have a list of who's there that day, but we add it to our website the week before. The website is a good place to see the updated vendors. There are about 18 vendors a day.
- *Claire Roth*: Is there a list of vendors that goes out in your emails, as well? *Claire Schectman*: Yes, this link allows you to sign up for our weekly newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/373835ed963d/whiteakermarketpapers>
- *Claire Roth*: Could we have a traffic calming measure further from the market? *Claire Roth* could assist with this. Our capacity for bringing signage and materials to the site every week is a challenge. We could use help in brainstorming ways to store signage/traffic calming signs.
- *Theresa Burchell*: I could ask the Red Barn if you could use the storage shed in our alley.
- The board will provide 2 hand sanitizer stations, and sanitizer whiteakermarket@gmail.com

7:50pm / Board communication

- What's preferred until we set up Microsoft 365? Email was stated as most reliable method, but further discussion required.

8:00pm / Approval of past minutes & Secretary

Angie Byers report

- Approval of past WCC minutes:
 - Angie made a motion to approve of minutes from February and March. Ian seconds.
 - 6 yes, motion passes.
- 4J School board
 - Angie suggested that we throw our support behind CALC instead of trying to throw our own event for the board.
 - *Dan*: Why not do both?
- Contact information for City of Eugene Human Rights and Neighborhood Involvement
 - *Claire Roth*: Do we need to have Microsoft Office downloaded on our computers?
 - *Dilena*: A download is not required, as you would be using Office's server.
 - *Thea Lee*: I prefer an email for meeting and agendas.
 - *Theresa Burchell*: I am willing to volunteer my time to help those that need help setting it up.
 - *Andrew Martin*: I second what Thea said, as I prefer email or the website to social media.

- *Ian*: I would love to see the WCC Board page disappear, and we find a better way to communicate. We should recognize that there might be an opportunity cost to moving away from Facebook.
- Angie will contact board members via email to get information needed.

8:15pm / Board Operations

- Completion of diversity questionnaire
 - Previous board members have completed this.
 - *Andrew Martin*: Can we email it back to you?
 - *Jennifer Hoover*: I do not like the idea of “race” being a part of the diversity questionnaire. *Ian Winbrock*: I collect this information for funders, especially those that want to fund those whose boards represent their community as evidenced by the information in the questionnaire.

8:30pm / Future WCC COVID-19 Community Clinics

- Proposed schedule: *Ian Winbrock*: We have the opportunity to hold future community vaccine clinics. The grant committee discussed doing up to 3 clinics a month. The larger clinics will dissolve in the summer, and move into community clinics. We discussed doing 50 person clinics regularly versus the 500 person clinics every once in a while. *Thea Lee*: How about at the Whiteaker Community Market to host a clinic? *Andrew Martin*: I'd love to volunteer my time. *Theresa Buchnell*: I want us to be more thoughtful of those that need transportation or that are unhoused. *Dan Schmidt*: I would not have known about the clinic if I hadn't walked down the block to see the set up the night before. Neighborhood communication has been slack, and not everyone has been a part of the Neighborhood Open Group. Messaging could be at the Market or at the Red Barn.
- Needs and resources *Ian Winbrock*: I will reach out to Lane County Public Health to discuss options regarding transportation, communication. *Thea Lee*: If there are set dates, it could go in our mailer. The Mission may be able to provide transportation. We were also able to get a ride from Senior and Disability Services. *Andrew Martin to Everyone*: (*chat*) Another good place to post would be Whit Community Garden. I'm happy to see about posting there. Really good community of folks over there. RideSource is giving rides to clinics and skipping the lines if someone is eligible for that. *Claire Roth*: We should work with neighbors prior to these events so that they are not blind-sided by increased activity on the street. This should be a neighborhood event versus a WCC-only event.

8:55pm / Future Agenda Topics

Last Meeting for April: We will go back to our previous 2nd and 3rd Wednesdays of the month meetings starting in May.

Dilena Cardona: I want to see if we can get the traffic calming report on 1st Ave. *Ian*-I will reach out to Brad about the traffic calming.

Ian Winbrock: Land Use Application: 907 W 3rd. Metro Planning Inc. are asking for a Metro Plan Amendment, and a change in the zoning for future development. This could affect walkability, gentrification. They proposed 5/17, 18, 19 at 5:30. We need to respond to them by 4/28. *Andrew Martin:* If you have any interest you have to register your comment or you don't have a right to appeal. *Ian Winbrock:* We can have them come prior to our board meeting, invite the neighborhood, and then have Claire Roth and Andrew Martin discuss the process as a wrap-up.

9:10pm / Adjournment