

# WHITEAKER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A CITY OF EUGENE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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WCC Board Meeting 5/10/21

In attendance:

Board: Ian Winbrock: Chair, Gail Caru-Vetter: Vice Chair, Dilenia Cardona: Treasurer, Angie Byers: Secretary, Theresa Burchell, Margaret Steinbrunn, Dan Schmid, Thea Lee, Johnny “Scooter” Skirving, Anand Holtham-Keahly, Claire Roth, Jennifer Hoover.

12/14 Present.

Community Members: Stephen Fuller-Rowell, Margaret Mazzotta, Daniel Valdivia, Emma Jones, Niamh Dunne, Susan Detroy, Katie Guske

To Do:

- Angie will contact Alluvium to set up a hybrid trial for future meetings.
- Ian will get speaker order for the next three general meetings.

## WCC Board meeting agenda for Wednesday, May 19th

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

**7:05pm** / Public Comment

*Jen Hoover:* Is the current charter the one we tried to revise, or is it the new one. *Ian:* Dilenia is currently the chair of the ad hoc committee to follow up on the proposed charter from the city. Our charter with the city is recognized by them, and affords us opportunities the city provides.

*Margaret Mazzotta:* I’ve been trying to get in touch with Tex. Please pass on for him to contact me. Ian will get her information to Tex.

*Thea Lee:* Updates from Chief Skinner: Spoke about lack of response to 911 calls, and he is looking into that. If you have a specific instance, please provide me with the day and time for me to follow up. I’ve also asked that he help “Jesus” find a safer spot to set up. There has been land purchased for more permanent car and tent sanitary housing. Mission: Cheryl would love to come and tell us about their processes for admission to the Mission. *Margaret Steinbrunn:* Does the Mission only bring people in on Mondays? *Thea:* That’s their intake day. I’m not sure. EPD removed someone from the park that had guns, knives, and was trafficking.

*Dilenia Cardona*: I had a conversation with the police chief and the supervisor of dispatch. They are changing things by bringing in a trainer from Salem on how they are receiving phone calls. I asked that police officers get out of the car and walk around some. I've seen them do this recently.

**7:15pm** / Approval of April minutes: WCC Secretary Angie Byers

**Angie motioned for minutes approval, Dilenia seconded. 11/11.**

**7:20pm** / Spring Newsletter review: WCC Secretary Angie Byers

**7:35pm** / In-person meetings & modeling motions: WCC Vice Chair Gail Caru-Vetter

*Gail Caru-Vetter*: Motion: I motion that the board have a conversation on should we engage in in-person meetings in July. I think we should discuss the losses and gains of each meeting option. *Margaret*

*Steinbrunn*: There is a loss when we don't have a meeting in public. I am not supposed to be inside with non-vaccinated people. We have yet to see how the mask changes will work out. We could wear masks inside of the building. *Jennifer Hoover*: I will continue to wear a mask, but I don't believe I'm ready to start in person before we have more data. I think it's too dangerous. *Claire Roth (in chat)*: A hybrid meeting structure would also lay the structure for allowing future WCC members to tune in even if they might not be able to physically attend meetings. *Ian Winbrock*: We know that there are very good reasons for someone not to get vaccinated. This should be a forum where people can share their thoughts and feelings about vaccines. *Thea Lee*: I am fully vaccinated, but I live with those that are vulnerable. I will not be in-person. I would like to do a hybrid. *Angie Byers*: I believe having a hybrid meeting, especially since we have a place that has the infrastructure, would meet the most people where they are. *Gail*

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\$250 to support the campaign. I also hope to advocate to Councilperson Syrett for her to sign on to this bill. I will bring it up as a motion in the future. *Margaret*: Wasn't the moratorium extended? *Ian*: There is legislation that pushes the amount of time to pay back until possibly February of 2022. We will need to get the information from SETA. *Gail*: How soon do they want us to decide on this letter? *Ian*: I will bring it to our 6/9/21 general meeting.

**7:55pm** / OHA vaccine partner motion & FEMA funding: WCC Chair Ian Winbrock

Ian: Vaccine clinics start 6/13 (2nd Sunday) and 6/25 (last Friday). We are also looking at co-locating services with groups such as Burrito Brigade. Which organization should we partner with:

- Walgreens, which requires at least 25 people. Uber will deliver people for free to a Walgreen's clinic. We have an established partnership here. They can decide how many doses they administer.
- Lane County Public Health: They will work with a clinic of any size. This could potentially enhance the relationship between us with LCPH. They will use whatever doses are provided.
- *Thea Lee (in chat)*: I saw that Uber will do it whether you have a partnership. I can check into that more. *Anand Holtham-Keathley (in chat)*: I believe I heard Biden say that Uber volunteered to take everyone to any clinic. We may want to find out. *Dilena*: I saw that Uber and Lyft will both provide rides to get a vaccine. I like building this partnership for other possible needs in the future. *Scooter*: What vaccine will they use? *Ian*: We don't know, but it would most likely be Moderna, but we don't get to decide. *Scooter*: I think that Lane County would be the best to use. *Dan*: It was cool that Walgreen's was here in March, but most of the people we'd attract are probably people that will walk or ride. The J&J vaccine has less stigma, and may be an easier sell. *Margaret Steinbrunn (in chat)*: Lyft has a program called Vaccines for all free or discounted rides to all vaccine clinics. *Gail Caru-Vetter (in chat)*: I think building relationships with Lane County Health makes sense for us going forward. We will benefit from a strong relationship with our local public health providers. *Margaret*: I believe it would benefit us to work with Lane County Public Health, as we can build a stronger bond with them and other partners. *Jennifer Hoover (in chat)*: What are Lane Cty's days, hours available & can we include both uber & lyft. *Gail Caru-Vetter (in chat)*: Jen, our dates are set for the vaccine clinics. We will include spreading transportation options as a part of promoting the clinics
- **Gail motions to partner with LCPH, Thea seconds. 12/12 yes.**
- FEMA has up to an additional 300,000 for the WCC to use for our vaccine campaign. We desperately need to hire someone as a volunteer coordinator. We could possibly fund our sanitary housing proposal through this funding.

**8:05pm** / Whiteaker Clean Up proposal: WCC Secretary Angie Byers and WCC at-large board member

We'd like the WCC to sponsor our clean-up. We'd like to have a theme, pass out swag, approaching businesses for donations such as snacks or beverages or gift cards. We'd need gloves, bio boxes, pickers, buckets,

*Katie:* We have sponsored the clean-ups. It was organized by Wade Love, who would be willing to share information with you. We could even hire Wade to help us organize it. He got a lot of money in donations. Year after year we bought the materials, but couldn't find them by the next year. Chris Gadsby may have them, but we may need to buy them and keep them. *Theresa:* Is the building by the school a place we can store them? *Katie* will share information. *Margaret:* Eli has been very generous, and has offered a key for us to store our stuff. *Gail:* I'm certain that Wade would provide this information. We need to coordinate with HIV Alliance, as picking up needles is beyond the scope of volunteers. We should also have a designated person to deal with needles. *Dilenia:* HIV Alliance sent people to volunteer with us to pick up the needles. Also, businesses donated things for raffles, my business and others provided water. The community businesses allowed us to use their dumpsters. Larger pieces were picked up by people with trucks. *Katie:* It's important to remember that we are a non-profit, we store our archives at 21 N Grand at this point. If the files get moved, there is a process we have to go through with the state. *Thea:* Eli did offer his space for chairs and tables, as well. Sanipac is often willing to donate trash cans, and Home Depot is often willing to donate supplies. HIV Alliance will give us lots of little red boxes and people. *Theresa:* We will be in contact with Waste Management for human waste. *Jennifer Hoover:* We need to have more than 1 person with access to the space where we store our belongings. *Ian:* We could pair our ice cream social with promoting the clean up.

Ideas for location of the dumpster?

Dates?

**8:20pm** / WCC Open Neighbors Page moderation: Motion, discussion and vote

*Margaret:* I have 4 motions to bring to the board. In the last meeting we presented rules, guidelines, and the structure. It makes sense to me that we create a subcommittee made up of board members and non-board members that live in the neighborhood. *Katie* put out a question asking what the community wanted. I read every line of the comments, and the majority wanted it to be a co-page b/w the board and the residents. I've gotten positive feedback on the new structure. Without the board's backing, then who are we to tell the members to do anything. *Claire Schectman* from the Whiteaker Community Market was very excited to partner with us, and I see more partnerships with this page. I'm proposing two admins including myself and *Claire*, and then bring in 6-8 community members to sit on the committee. We could talk about the guidelines and rules once the committee is established. *Gail:* I wanted to observe that sometimes the information provided is meaningful, but the general consensus from other pages is that people are not positive about the changes on the page. They do not understand why the changes are happening, and why those choices were made. We need to put effort into communication beyond the individual messaging to provide context for the community at large. The consequence of it not being discussed is that people presume the worst. The people I'm talking to are not there to cause trouble, but they are feeling disempowered. If it's under the mantle of the WCC, it has to be done deftly to not risk alienating our neighbors and friends. *Dan:* We should approach this in three different ways: 1. Have the squeaky clean WCC page, 2. have the open page with the 5 rules proposed, 3. link the WCC page to the open page. *Jen:* IF we go the way that we're going, I can see the good in it. I think that we should have 3 different admin with 3 differing views, as well as having 2-3 from the community. I feel nervous now

putting anything on the group, as I would post things that have nothing to do with the Whiteaker, but I've been told not to do that anymore which is bothersome to me. There also needs to be designations between speaking as a WCC member versus and resident of the Whiteaker. *Gail Caru-Vetter (in chat)*: I fear that the committee model will not be fast or flexible enough to respond to the online world. *Claire Roth (in chat)*:^^ This is unfortunately true. Things happen in .00001 seconds on the FB group. *Ian*: This was created in the past by board members, without robust guidance which is why we're addressing it now. *Margaret*: I never do anything on the page without talking to the person individually. Every private message I send, I copy to Claire. If we don't post rules and guidelines, then it will be like the wild west. I'm talking to people on how their actions do not belong on the community page. As a moderator, I don't give what my opinion is, but I need the rule to refer to. *Claire Roth (in chat)*: Maybe a helpful way forward would be to identify what the WCC wants to get out of FB, and then identify if what we want would be better accomplished with a clean page rather than a page that has existed for a while without structure? *Jennifer Hoover (in chat)*: need to establish the rules & again a lack of communication. we , community does not know what u do. *Gail Caru-Vetter (in chat)*: I would like to suggest that we hold an extra meeting next week to give more time to this discussion. *Katie*: I think it goes against the grain of our community to have things removed. You can turn off comments, and ask the OP to update the comments. *Jen*: Unless the conversation flows, it will work itself out. *Ian*: I think not having rules is a problem. *Theresa*: Why do we as WCC want to be in charge of our community page? It's the open page, and is a concept I see as valuable. *Ian*: A former board member created this page. We could give it back to the community, but it was created by the WCC. *Dilenia*: How much time have you spent on the page? Can we start with a new page? It's a lot of time to be spent on people crying to each other. Some of the uses, including calling for help from someone attacking others, are not appropriate. There are anarchists on the page, and I think we should hand it over to the community. I don't think it's worth trying to save. *Claire*: I want to recognize all that Margaret has done. What does the WCC want to accomplish over Facebook? Could there be legal backfire if someone is put in danger from this page. If it's so far gone, should we take our efforts to another page?

*Margaret motions*: I propose that we post the rules, and then talk about it. I think the rules will help those engage respectfully. I would like to post the rules tonight, and see how the Open Page responds. *Thea*: Are you opposed to having another page that is the WCC page? *Gail*: I think the rules are important, but to remove the reference to the WCC in the intro. *Theresa Burchell (in chat)*: I am unsure if folks are aware- but a second Whiteaker page has been created, as of today, that would afford less monitoring of comments and participation. This has been created by a community member. *Dan Schmid (in chat)*: Friendly Amendment: Post the rules and let it self-moderate for a few days. *Jen*: Can we change the rule about nothing whiteaker related is a concern for me. *Claire Roth (in chat)*: The purpose of groups is to keep the subject matter on topic. *Gail*: We have our own personal pages to share our personal information, and the neighborhood page is there for strictly a neighborhood page. *Jen*: I still have an issue with rule #2. Sometimes it was nice to post something that was a pleasure to the eyes. I haven't had negative response when I did those things. I've gotten connections with some of my posts. *Margaret*: I didn't come up with that rule myself. The community stated that's what they want the page to be. *Ian*: We need to use the language of "representing the community" very sparingly. It's an incredibly diverse community with a number of voices. Representing "a community" versus "the community" is language that would more closely match the neighborhood. *Gail Caru-Vetter (in chat)*: Let us all vote on all the rules together and

anyone who objects can vote against them. We can also post them with an invitation for feedback from the community on the page. *Anand Holtham-Keathley (in chat)*: I vote to support the motion as amended. *Stephen Fuller-Rowell (in chat)*: I agree with Dan ... even anarchy needs a code of conduct. BTW: I post images of flowers or produce from my garden on my personal F/B page. *Katie Guske*: I hope if you invite community members back as admins, you at least include Anika Pass!!! I think Annika Pass should continue to be an admin, and has a good sense for how to run the page. *Claire*: There's a way to link the rules so that community members, and members can pull the rules to help moderate posts.

**Proposal to post the rules for 3 weeks, and vote at our next general meeting on other motions. 11/12  
yes**

**8:50pm** / Future Agenda Topics and board schedule review

- Dilenia's ad hoc charter group
- Hiring volunteer coordinator
- 150,000-300,000 FEMA funds
- Updates from contractors including sinks and button pushers
- Vaccine confidence campaign
- In person meetings

**9:00pm** / Adjournment