

WHITEAKER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A CITY OF EUGENE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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WCC General Meeting 2/10/21

In attendance:

Board Members: Chris Gadsby, Andrew, Margaret Steinbrum, Bill Robohm, Ian Winbrock, Dan Grau, Angie Byers, Gail Caru-Vetter, Anand Holtham-Keathey, Dilenia Cordona, Johnny Skirving

Attendees: Eli Varedas, Vincent Casey, Carol Lewis, Stephen Fuller Rowell, Jennifer Hoover, Theresa Burchell, Emma Jones, Thea Lee, Susan Detroy, Andrew Martin

General Comments:

Eli Varedas has recently moved into the church that was for sale on 3rd Street. He would love input on how to use the space for a community space. Suggested anyone email him with suggestions. Ian invited him to give his input into our vaccine confidence campaign, as Mr. Varedas is a doctor. Chris mentioned possibly using it to host a community council meeting.

Jennifer Hoover thanked the group for the sanitization stations, and liked seeing them throughout the neighborhood.

Stephen F-R: He is communicating with the former, Matt Rodriguez, and current traffic engineer, Chris Henry, to discuss calming measures that can be placed in the area to reduce congestion on North Polk and Railroad and Cross street traffic concerns. Will have more information to share in the future. Jennifer Hoover inquired about what's happening at the intersection. Andrew Martin also inquired. Stephen will share in the future when he gets more information. Traffic at that intersection is a problem, but people are enthusiastic about additional housing being built at the Cross Street Project. The WCC can prioritize streets that need traffic calming, and get action quicker than individuals.

Thea Lee: Flyer was sent to EPD to support the Food Drive, and Chief Skinner would like to know about volunteer or donation opportunities in the future. EPD wants to be a part of future events.

Also, response times, which are taking days, should be no more than 4 hours. Thea will share case numbers with EPD to inquire with Chief Skinner. If any members know of people not getting a response, please let Thea know. Chris Gadsby brought up that many people are reluctant or unwilling to call the police due to concerns with danger in the response. Chris Gadsby mentioned that he has messaged people directly, and they will not be following up with

the police due to safety concerns. Thea Lee asked the group to forward those that want to have their case followed up. Jennifer Hoover suggested that Chief Skinner come back to talk to the group during a general meeting, and that it be announced in advance.

Thea Lee: HIV Alliance is willing to work with WCC on collecting needles in the park and surrounding areas, as well as testing in the park. HIV Alliance is also willing to write a letter of support for the WCC's coordination of the use of the Resource Center on 5th and Washington.

Bill Robohm: Provided updates on Almaden St. and Chambers St. sweep. Bill Robohm is also trained to pick up needles and return needles to HIV Alliance. Recently joined the CAHOOTS community board to provide input. Also working with those recently released from jail, and a service group that provides transitional assistance. **White Bird needs more PPE kits. Angie will coordinate.**

Ian Winbrock: OHA Grant Update. We will be working on a spending plan based off of the poll to the board on how to prioritize the spending. \$38,000 is to be spent by 3/31/21. Poll Results: incentives for testing and vaccines, website development, spanish translation through Centro Latino Americano.

Social media design is approved, and Holly will be notified to start her Facebook posts as well as continue her website posts.

Videography scripts are in the process of being approved by OHA. Would like Katie social distancing, Nelson washing hands, Okra for wearing a mask, and a **call for a student on the Open Group.**

WCC Board Group in front of the bus @ Blair and 3rd. The only available day is Tuesday. **Ian will follow up with everyone to set up a good day.**

Collins Foundation Grant: Would submit the same information as the OCF grant. The diversity and representation in our board is representative of the Whiteaker as a whole.

Andrew Price: One of the stainless steel sinks will be located by the Ninkasi taphouse, one at Oakshire, and will have potable water. This will create water stations. Ian Winbrock says OHA love Andrew's sink designs, but have some feedback on what it says.

Food Drive for Food for Lane County: 12-4 on Saturday at Red Barn (Chris and Scooter) and Brun's Apple Market (Margaret and Ian).

Margaret Steinbrum, the PPE packs including mask and hand sanitizer were delivered and are at Brun's Apple Market.

Margaret Steinbrum will be working on a **press release** to KLCC, KEZI, Eugene Weekly, and Eugene Magazine. She will bring it to the board.

Angie Byers: Will start delivering the recently received items this week. Margaret suggested we add the resource center. Gail suggested we speak with Spectrum for their youth street feeds. Angie asked that Gail contact them to see how many they'd like.

Anand Holtham-Keathey: Testing in Washington/Jefferson-McKenzie of Occupy Medical has only been able to test a few people as many of the unhoused are weary of being tested. They are using the rapid tests with a lot of false negatives if there aren't symptoms.

Vaccinations: speaking with Lane County Public Health and Occupy Medical are attempting to get Wash/Jeff considered a congregate housing situation to speed up vaccine

Motion:

Margaret Steinbrum: To replace hand pumps to point down versus out. \$76, as well as additional \$200 beyond the \$400 initially approved by the board in December. Motion passed. This was money from the OHA Grant.

Motion:

Ian: Discussion to vote to apply for Collins Foundation for vaccination campaign including vaccine science, "I'm getting the vaccine because...", Susan Detroy: There is a Facebook page that discusses vaccine reactions. Motion passed.