

WHITEAKER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A CITY OF EUGENE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

PO Box 11692, EUGENE OR 97440

WCC Board Meeting 2/3/21

In attendance:

- Board Members: Chris Gadsby, Ian Winbrock, Andrew Price, Angie Byers, Katie Guske, Margaret Steinbrum, Anand Holtham-Keathley, Johnny Scooter, Dilenia Cordona, Gail Caru-Vetter
- Thea Lee, Ana (Johnny Scooter's daughter)

Angie sent out hours form to everyone's email address. Please fill it out and submit it.

Ana introduced herself, and said she'd like to help us with writing grants. She has access to resources due to a family member having experience in writing grants. She is invested in the Whiteaker community, though she lives outside of the Whiteaker Neighborhood.

Thea: City will not be doing sweeps on W/J park. They want to eliminate chop shops, sex-trafficking, keep tents 6ft apart. They've provided bathrooms and trash cans. There are reports of break-ins without (specifically catalytic converters) police responding. Dilenia: Encourage people to file a police report online. Thea: EPD is doing patrols based on who is getting broken into. Chris: We need to keep working with the city, and we are going to be a part of this work in progress.

Thea: will be writing a letter to have micro-housing sites at large companies like Wal-Mart and Target, and to eliminate problematic behavior around those areas.

Dilenia: The WCC has a page on the City of Eugene Page. Angie and Dilenia will work together to get this page updated.

Dilenia: Posted an article about partnerships with businesses outside of the Whiteaker. TJ's, a potential partner, signed a letter pushing the homeless out of downtown. Dilenia is working on a list of questions to assure viewpoints are in line with WCC values. Ian: Was advised against using alcohol or cannabis as incentives due to links with depression and mental health issues, so we will not be partnering with those companies for vaccine incentives. Gail: Receiving partnerships with people whose values aren't perfectly aligned isn't something we should turn away. Margaret: I think we should focus on values, and look at partnerships on an individual basis.

Ian: Will be posting two grants to bring to the general meeting for discussion and a vote at the next board meeting. Our board is very close to representing the demographics of the Whiteaker per information gathered in the recent grant application.

OHA Grant Meetings will continue on Mondays at 1 and Wednesdays at 4:30.

Angie and Ian will be sending out a survey to get feedback on how to spend the \$38,000 OHA Grant money.

Ian: Deputy Director of OHA and Director of Lane County HHS signed letters for us for the grants. Clair Syrett and the City Manager also signed letters of support. Ian will need to send an updated budget to the grant.

Homeless Resource Center: Ian, Margaret, and Chris serve on the board for this center. A letter has been created to alert the city to how the resource center can be used to distribute Covid-19 information, testing sites, vaccines sites, sheltering-in-place items/hygiene items. Black Thistle has been testing for months in the park.

Letters of support from community services providers. Letters of support should be agreed to by 2/10/21. Motion carried to collect signatures on letter to city for use of the resource center.

- Angie will connect with Egan, White Bird, CSS
- Businesses: Backyard Farmer-Chris and Beauty Supply Place-Margaret
- Thea will connect with HIV Alliance, Mission, Clair Syrett
- Ian will connect Thea, Angie, and Margaret with Black Thistle.

Food Drive: 2/13/21 from 12-4.

Brun's and Red Barn are participating.

Need Volunteers:

- Margaret and Ian at Brun's,
- Chris Gadsby and Johnny Scooter will be a Red Barn.
- Ian will post information on Neighborhood Open Group.
- They will take pictures to post on social media and the webpage.