

WCC General Meeting Notes

Sept 14, 2016

Agenda and minutes from the WCC Meeting. We had three presentations prior to the Crime discussion.

1 - Eugene Civic Alliance/Kidsports - Bev Smith talked about the plans for the new facilities at Eugene Civic and how they will help with kids' sports programs. They are in a 'soft' fundraising phase now and will go to a larger fundraising phase next summer. More info is at <http://eugene-civic-alliance.org/>

2 - A Better Oregon - Michael McCarthy discussed Measure 97 which creates a 2.5% tax on corporate gross receipts within Oregon over \$25 million dollars. These funds could be used wherever the Oregon legislature sees a gap, such as schools, poverty and medical care for the poor. Estimated income from this is \$3 billion dollars annually.

3 - Emerald Village - Dan Bryant gave an update on the tiny houses planned to be built at Polk and RR Blvd. They are looking for applicants, 1/3 of which are targeted at Whiteaker residents looking for affordable housing. More information and contacts can be found at: <http://www.squareonevillages.org/emerald>

4 – Crime – Mayor Piercy, Incoming Mayor Vinis, EPD Acting Chief Kamkar, Officer Mozan, Officer Mazzotta and EPD Statistician Cleversey attended the meeting and listened/responded to the audience neighborhood crime information and concerns. We discussed how the EPD is organized. EPD stated that staffing is based on calls received and that our Beat does not have a very high level of calls coming in. We have 4 officers staffed for the whole of Beat 5, of which Whiteaker is a part of, which encompasses basically everything west of us that's within the City, all the way to the Airport. To put this in perspective, downtown Eugene is Beat 2 and has one supervisor and nine officers. While Chief Kamkar who manages dispatch for Beat 5 said he is now aware of our concerns, EPD also said they are not staffed to adequately respond to the calls they receive. They cited an example that on Wednesdays at 8pm they have their highest staffing on duty and they were shorthanded on the calls coming in. We also discussed how funding of the EPD works. EPD reviews their staffing/budget needs and they float upwards to Chief Kerns who then sends on to the City of Eugene Budget Committee, of which our City Councilor Claire Syrett is a member. The decisions on funding City programs are made at the Budget Committee level and sent upwards for approval to the City Council. Mayor Piercy stated that no one has ever attended a City Council meeting and said that the EPD responses are inadequate and that they need more funding/staff.

Current EPD Org Chart: <https://www.eugene-or.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3650>

EPD Facebook page. You can post links from a Whiteaker Open Neighbors Group where you are seeing evidence of crime taking place. This will help point EDP the right direction: <https://www.facebook.com/EugenePolice/>

EPD website where the dispatch log and report a crime links are located: <https://www.eugene-or.gov/162/Police>

There are also statistics available: <https://www.eugene-or.gov/542/Crime-Statistics>

To keep crime statistics funding our EPD presence, we need to be very diligent about continuing to call everything in that we have concerns about.

Contact Information for Margaret Mazzotta, the Crime Prevention Specialist who is assigned to Ward 5: <https://www.eugene-or.gov/944/Prevention-and-Safety>

Found the EPD Beat Map. The Whit is in Beat 5: <https://www.eugene-or.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3901>