

WCC Board Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2016

Quorum (10)

Plus Anon and Jason.

Agenda

Charter

Health Committee

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Marijuana Dispensaries and Retail Sales

Mid-Term Elections

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Charter

The charter is ready to go to the City attorney except for a question back to Rene at the City about checking the Whiteaker boundaries. The Whit maps in the community room are out of date.

Den also brought up that the charter calls out a spending limit of \$200. He is asking that we increase that cap to \$400 to meet updated needs of the budget.

From the Charter:

Page 2, Section 4. All general Whiteaker Community Council fund expenditures must be approved by a vote of the council, except that the Council may allow the Board or its delegate to authorize expenditures below \$200. Grants or monies secured to fund specific projects or programs and which have itemized budgets will not require Whiteaker Community Council approval for expenditures within their budgets. Budgets for monies from grants and other sources shall be approved by the Whiteaker Community Council Board before expenditures commence. In addition, the Board will establish a fiscal process including budget expenditure authorization and an internal fiscal control system.

Den proposed the Motion to change the charter to read, in part"authorize expenditures below \$400. Grants....

Cathy seconded.

Vote was unanimous.

We will need to update this in the draft we are reviewing with Rene.

After the City Attorney reviews the updated charter, we need to bring this back to a vote of the General Membership for approval and then it needs to go to the Eugene City Council for approval.

Health Committee

Anon reviewed where we are with the health survey and discussed the City of Eugene Matching Funds application that is pending. Preliminary applications need to be submitted by October 31 and final applications need to be submitted by January 17.

The cost of the survey would include two pieces of paper, a mailing envelope and postage and a return envelope and postage, estimated to be approximately \$2,500. The grant application would be to cover this cost. Matching 'funds' would involve survey follow-up labor.

The point of the health survey would be to find out what the concerns of the Whiteaker neighborhood are and develop approaches to help address. The survey would also measure level of interest in being involved in those areas of concern so additional people might participate in community health activities.

Emily proposed the motion for the survey to proceed to the first application phase for Matching Grants for \$2,500 and we would review as a Board again prior to the final application phase.

Den seconded.

Vote was unanimous.

WCAT

WCAT is also applying for a variety of grants, including the City of Eugene Matching grant. WCAT has received an additional \$3,000 to continue the mural project(s) at the Glenn lot location. There are also grant applications out for the Arts Commission for supplies, the Lane County Cultural Commission (\$2,000), The City of Eugene Matching Grant application would be for \$5,000.

There needs to be some discussion on how the rest of the mural will be placed, previous discussion/decisions about the murals from the WCC Board included space for advertising that would be paid for on an annual basis. This would need to be worked in to the mural design somehow, leave a strip at the top for ads? There was some discussion about whether the monthly contribution currently taking place should include advertising? See the treasurer report for more parking lot discussion.

Emily proposed the motion to proceed with the WCAT Matching Grant application for \$5,000

Chris seconded

Vote was unanimous.

Marijuana Dispensaries and Retail Sales

Currently the medical dispensaries have to be at least 1,000 feet from each other. With the changes in state law for Retail marijuana sales, this 1,000 feet limit is not mandated. The local entities can add this restriction. There was a request from one of the local dispensaries on Hwy 99 for the WCC to discuss this and how it might impact the Whiteaker neighborhood. In living through the exponential growth and impacts of micro-breweries and distilleries, we discussed that we definitely don't want to see something similar happen with Retail marijuana sales. The impact could potentially be losing houses converted to businesses, which would have increasingly negative repercussions.

Emily and Jason will draft a letter for Board review asking the City of Eugene to impose the same 1,000 feet restriction the Dispensaries are currently under. Potentially we could give copies of this letter to the Whiteaker businesses to also send to the City or ask them to sign the WCC Board's letter.

Elections

We are currently down three board members. We discussed holding a mid-term election in December to fill those three spots. An announcement needs to be made on the WCC website and FB page and also on the Whiteaker Open Neighbors FB Page.

Treasury Report

Parking

Our most recent annual expenditure for parking lots is \$24,340, including rental, insurance, and maintenance costs for 75 parking spaces total (\$325 per space annually using this last year's costs). Incoming revenue is \$20,500 annually. While some of the maintenance costs we experienced getting the lots up and running last year are one-time expenditures, we will have other maintenance costs going forward.

The City of Eugene is seriously considering purchasing the Glenn lot, which we currently pay \$250 each month to lease (\$3,000 annually).

There are challenges getting all of the businesses who have pledged to pay to actually pay. Some of the payments are monthly, some are quarterly. The pledges are not binding agreements.

The question is how do we not run a deficit for the parking lots?

There were a variety of ideas thrown out during discussion on that point:

- Make certain that all businesses who have to have parking that pay into the lot are covering the cost per space instead of a pledged payment into the parking fund. [The example for this was BlairAlley, which appears to be a big elephant in the room and we need to discuss this with Sam present in the November Board meeting].
- Make all the businesses sign a binding contract instead of a pledge. [This was not considered viable and might make the businesses pull out of paying all together]
- Eliminate the most expensive lot, which we get little value from as there are less spaces available, which is the Tom's lot \$600 per month (\$7,200). [Discussion on this seemed to be the most favorable of the options]
- Hire a service to send letters, receive funds, and follow up on non-payments. [This will cost money as well and may have a negative impact on the businesses paying]

Action Items

Chris will follow-up with businesses on payment for their existing pledges as discussion indicated keeping this in-house would be the best approach.

Balance Sheets

Den will post the balance sheets for all of the accounts for this quarter on the Board FB page.