

Whiteaker Community Council

Subject	General meeting
Day / Date	May 10, 2017
Planned Time	7pm-9pm
Room Info	Whiteaker School, Community Room
Invited (attendees in bold)	[here]
Additional Information	Send updates and revisions to whiteakercommunitycouncil@gmail.com

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<p>1) General Discussion</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 12th Annual Great Whit clean up and Cmnty Celebration (Wayde Love) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. June 3rd, Saturday; meet at Noon at Scobert Park b. \$ Thousands in prizes; 250 people usually c. Sani-pack gives services for free d. Business support; HIV alliance comes to take flagged needles e. Still need volunteers: clean, bring cookies, walk with music, come in costume, f. 8-10 crew of people mapped out across neighborhood; need group leaders g. Whiteaker Yard Sale is day-after, so please clean up your free pile before it becomes rained on trash h. Come to Sunday Funday (2-8pm) to get organized i. Info is on neighborhood website 2. Crime and Safety update (Chief Kerns) – NO SHOW!! Margaret (EPD) asks for feedback about Parks <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. EPD partnering with Parks and how to make them safer; Send emails to her by next Wednesday (include gender and approx.. age helps); EPD piece is to aggregate the ideas from the community and then work with Parks; email her at Margaret.a.mazzotta@ci.eugene.or.us b. How can we feel confident that this will be any different from the rest of the suggestions we always make? Since this is a committee with a specific mission, they have a task to bring to City so will definitely get an audience. She can't assure action c. Park user (Wash-Jefferson) told a story about using the parks and being assaulted twice, asking a meth user to leave the bathroom, his dog was assaulted. These activities are not isolated; downtown got lots of attention and high paid detectives; could we have a satellite branch at Wash-Jefferson? Public spaces need to be safe – especially as d. Resident says she called 911 when family using Maurie Jacobs Park was being threatened e. Concern when hearing “Environmental crime prevention strategies” – is this just building a fence, which just moves crime around? We need real solutions; police presence is needed; f. Across from Wa-Jefferson is the mill and Kahoots; when there is increased police, there are less people; direct relationship; so much happens in that bathroom; there are ways to change lighting so that veins cannot be seen = less

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	<p>drug users; there are solution; I've seen homeless people move in on kids skating – they will harass people sitting at the bus stop; if someone approaches me I will defend myself; there are multiple people with weapons at the park; though there is a direct effect of cop-presence and people leaving, the effect is temporary – we need to have a real solution, not this band-aid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> g. Need to resort to some kind of community policing; we have a ton of bums in the Whit; 1-2 more cops is not going to help; we need community cohesion h. Need a wet shelter i. Could we have Cahoots be closer? j. Chief Kerns said there would be specific amount of increased police presence downtown, and a general claim about increased Whit police presence; we haven't seen a significant change k. Emily Proudfoot (?) came and said there would be roving teams (ambassadors) and sponsoring some events to include homeless to differentiate the types of homeless l. Go to City Council meetings on 1st and 3rd Mondays; next one is next Monday, May 15; best testimonials to City Council share reality, but also offer solutions; they assume we need more cops (which we do) but we also need to advocate for sustainable solutions, like a shelter; need to keep that testimony sustained m. Eugene is known as a nice place for the homeless n. Bike cops are interested in art as creative solution for making trouble areas safe. o. Important to differentiate the kinds of homeless (tweakers; economically struggling houseless; mental health affected; vets) p. There is no wet shelter, rehab house is a revolving door q. The dealing and using are SOOO blatant! Why can't our cops go after them? Make it uncomfortable for them. But we also need to bring up the issue of chemical dependency; Former DA (Alex Gardner) had a functional policy of no drug prosecutions; his prior Assistant is the current DA and may have a similar holdover; we still want <p>3. Honk! Fest (Ashley, Nicole and Mike)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. June 10-11 festival of street music (brass, drum lines) b. Happens in Whit - crew of volunteers including clean-up; Performers can park at 2nd and Van Buren c. Non-profit d. Vanilla Jills, Ninkasi (Sat 6pm-11pm) outdoor stages, and Skinner Butte Park (Sun 2pm-8pm) e. Even though this is not "amplified" someone (Richard!) will call in after 10pm about noise ordinance f. World Naked Bike Ride is happening simultaneously - let's coordinate!! g. Please come and participate; no parading planned and no street blocking will occur h. Porta potties (Skinner Butte has restrooms) make sure there are i. Other organizations, businesses, vendors? Not in the plan or permits; very non-commercial environment <p>4. Social Bicycles, Eugene Bike Share Program (Noah Zitzer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Maybe this wasn't really on the agenda? <p>5. EVE Housing Project (Andrew Heeben)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Emerald Village (of Square One) = mission to create self-managed tiny homes door to lock, sepearated space; common bath; common kitchen; property on

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	<p>Railroad Blvd and North Polk; abated concerns of being a homeless camp – is really low income housing for low/no-income families; broke ground May 9, 2017; Foundations in by early July, have people housed by end of the summer; 22 units (est. 30 people); 14 teams building 14 different houses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Question about the application review process; third round of interviews for occupants upcoming and nearly full; focused on current Whiteaker residents; priority interviewing for families; working on mission, policies, procedures; community residents want to be active members, volunteering in the community; c. What are lease terms? Set up like cooperative with by-laws and articles; 30-day notice and \$50/month of your rent is put into savings, so you have some equity to move out with d. Rotating door? Not expected. Not a lot of low income housing options, so people won't leave to become homeless again; Older folks on SSI are making only \$700/month, so aren't going to change; other younger couples have aspirations to grow and move on; e. Is this Non-profit? Yes, Square One Villages f. Using Consensus Decision model? They are reviewing various decision-making models; g. Getting any good press outside of Eugene? Can be found on SquareOneVillages.com; Cottage Grove and Medford are next h. info@squareonevillages.org or sign up for newsletter on their website for volunteer opportunities <p>6. Jane – World Naked Bike Ride</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. June 10, starts at Monroe Park (4pm gather; start ride on 4:30) ends in Whiteaker; b. Ride “bare as you dare” c. Activist statement about reliance on fossil fuels d. Obey traffic rules, wear a helmet <p>7. J-Van: Whiteaker Political Action Committee = WolfPAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Sunday, May 20 New Day Bakery or Scobert to listen to community – primarily those who cannot make meetings b. Start discussing Political Action/electoral process (City Council) <p>8. Jerry Rosiek for School Board Committee (4J)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Tough times for public ed b. 1990 property tax limitation, and 4J has been hemorrhaging money for 27 years c. 40-50 kids in class (and the kids are used to it) d. Public needs to demand better education; democracy depends on public education e. Current schoolboard is managing as best they can, but no dialog – no give/take public has to rally to demand what our kids deserve; f. <u>Conversations</u> about what's ailing us; what's causing the problems; what will fix them; he's a social justice fighter; will force the board to deal with issues; need local leaders to ensure kids' needs are at the center; reduce standardized tests (116 between K-12); g. Ballot measure 97 would have raised taxes on the largest corporations (currently paying 7%); Springfield board voted to support it 4J board decided to ignore it. h. What will Jerry do to protect Latino children and families given 30% Spanish-speakers in the Whit? Jerry supports a District sanctuary resolution – people came to the school board and spoke in favor of district level

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. How will Jerry help teachers? Jerry endorsed by the Teachers Union; he is a union rep at UO j. What will Jerry do to support victims of bullying, rather than moving bullies; Presenters did not have ideas about how Jerry would handle that specifically, but guessed he would want to hear directly from families and learnt he issues; it would be careful community-listening process
<p>2) Key Decisions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Let's invite Cahoots to a meeting ▪ Go to City Council meetings with regularity on first and third Mondays; bring concrete and discrete issues with examples, and provide solutions; 3-minutes allotted; be prepared ▪ Email Margaret.a.mazzotta@ci.eugene.or.us with your complaints about parks; name specific trouble-locations; site examples ▪ Vote! Mail by May 11, or drop off in Ballot boxes by Tuesday
<p>3) Action Items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Names, Action Item and Date Due ▪ Emily, put into production putting the Great Whiteaker Cleanup date on every mailer that comes out covering June ▪ Emily, tell WCAT that cops want to work with the team on creative solutions for problem areas. Example: area under Wa-Jeff bridge with gap between stage columns is place for stashing crap; needs sculpture or something. Thea is contact.