

Whiteaker Community Council

Subject	General meeting
Day / Date	June 14, 2017
Planned Time	7pm-9pm
Room Info	Whiteaker School, Community Room
Invited (attendees in bold)	[see list]
Additional Information	Send updates and revisions to whiteakercc@gmail.com

What	Comments/Notes
1) General Discussion	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contact City Charter Amendment to create independent finance auditor at <hmpwr@yahoo.com> 2. Crime and Safety update (Chief Kerns) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. First street, cont'd b. Third and Van Buren across from Ninkasi – people park right at the stop sign – BOO! c. Crime overview from Neighbors <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Knee-jerk reaction when we see the big up-tick in criminal and regular homelessness is “where are the cops?” “Why don’t the cops care about this?” Great social services and compassion make us proud, but at some point we’ve had ENOUGH! What is the way to distinguish between “good” and “bad” homeless? Can Kerns propose a Whiteaker-specific protocol given the bizarre behaviors we experience? d. Kerns news; actually not just Whiteaker. Highest growth is in West Univ. and Downtown; 13th and High, hospital e. Broadway/Wil; Broadway/Olive; Park blocks f. Very little crime being reported on parks in Whiteaker; Social services and riverbank are generating the most calls g. Homeless #1400 jumped to 1700 in the last year (but neighbors disagree - is double that); Chronically homeless increasing to about 600-900 in central lane county in recent years h. 25 officers added was recommended to deal with prior workload - which has gone up 60% with no increase; all calls have gone up 30% in 36 months. Public initiated competes with officer initiated. i. EPD experimenting with strategies - sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn’t; ex- “travelers” were increasing in the Park blocks and things changed when EPD gave regular j. This summer, EPD is throwing money at putting cops and positive activities in the parks, including WA/Jefferson. k. Environmental design (like MLK and Coburg overpass area) - so for \$85K in structures it would be less hospitable and not sleepable; Good because it’s spent just once; where do we get \$85K? l. Giving authority to people to tow cars if they are unmoved after 24-hours at parks (more than that in residential)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> m. How to pay for more cops; 30-50 program? n. Fixed budget for next 30-50 years o. Community Justice Systems plan (court, city prosecutors, EPD) what would it take to staff up all depts? Need 6 more 911 dispatch; need 30 more cops; need more inventory and records specialists; need 125 more jail beds.... Where do we grow first in order to solve the problems - then bring this to City Council to ask, how would you fund it? p. Given all this, is there a way to police Whiteaker more efficiently? #1 biggest issue is Meth/Heroin. Is it possible you could focus on the dealers we know are dealing/users we know are using and keep flushing their drugs... start talking with Captain Meizel (sp?) q. Jen Bills - directed night watch (13 officers for 160K people; goes down to 8 at 3am) to come to Whit during their "free time" - unobligated time; free time is not actual - they are driving to the next call; we see them - affirmative - making a difference; but this is not a sustainable solution because every other neighborhood needs help; r. Parks: something to keep down the travelers - remove overhangs from the restrooms, so they won't just hang out and keep s. Is there data for unresponded calls (yes), and can that be transferred into a heat map? Isn't on a heat map yet; can be. They will bring. t. Neighbors can help establish "probable cause" u. Abatement can have a positive impact v. Narcotics Unit Tip Line: 541-682-6266 w. Oregon has second highest "unhoused" population in the nation x. Oregon has the lowest police per capita than every state in the union, and Eugene is the worst % among all cities in Oregon. y. Kristi Hammot - has huge dept. - she is going to meet with Neighborhoods z. Body-worn cameras - by end of month, every cop will have one <p>3. Traffic in the Whit (Matt Rodriguez)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Results of the first street traffic volume study (data for the speed/traffic counts on W 1st/Railroad that he promised us on his last visit -- really, bugging him to get it done). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Cross and Polk - 85% of people travelling at or below 40mph ii. Jackson and 1st = 38mph iii. Adams and 1st = 34mph iv. Jefferson and 1st = 31mph v. Next steps: see what happens after EMX opens (are people using this thoroughfare rather than HWY99) vi. Reflector bumps to help outline bike lane physically vii. Physical barrier like a plastic vertical – not preferable in case sweeping or snow removal viii. Narrow car lanes to 10-feet (Brad says currently 11-feet); 10-ft is a standard, but narrow ix. Bright green paint inside the bike lane? Currently Eugene only uses it in "conflict areas" – it is \$15/sq. foot x. Enforce traffic laws? xi. Longer and less-extreme burm that narrows the

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> xii. Stop signs – like on First/Monroe? Unintended consequences is sometimes more vehicle traffic on Monroe because it becomes an easier place xiii. Monroe is a “bike blvd.” 6th/7th has the most infrastructure for cyclists – but neighbors DON’T use it. Too dangerous crossing 6/7th. We use Lincoln, feels slower, better visibility. xiv. Plan for additional traffic EPD b. possibility of marking the parking lanes on our narrow residential streets so we can firmly establish that the travel lanes are nine feet wide or less, which allows the streets to be posted at 15 mph. c. chronic problem of parking on the south side of W5th that could be reduced by putting just a couple more bike thermoplastic stencils down between Blair and Adams. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. There is only one sign that shows it’s a bike lane. Church, Beer Graden, different times it’s different things. ii. EPD? Can ask traffic cars to come by or three-wheeler parking cops d. that asinine forty-foot bike lane at Van Buren and W1st that simply must be removed. Yes, the "bike guy" wants a bike lane removed. e. everyone parking in the northbound bike lane on Jefferson at the skate park. It needs to be marked as parallel parking only and striped as such. f. getting the crosswalk marked at W5th and Adams. If we can score that one, maybe we can do others after that (unless someone has a more urgent crosswalk marking they would prefer) g. the bike sensor eastbound on W5th at Blair is still problematic. Since one cannot see very far up Blair, it can be a risky red light to run, so that sensor really needs better adjustment or replacement. h. Other... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. CROSSING: Madison, Monroe, Blair and Polk – put in detectors for bikes at Madison already. In the process of improving the others; also Increase “all red” from .5 seconds to 1.5 seconds – city wide. ii. Statutory speed is the default speed on any road type. When you adjust any speed back to statutory from having been limited by local control, it has the potential to go up to 50mph??? iii. Looking to lower residential, low use speeds to 20mph i. Between Blair and Polk on 5th. Cars are going very fast, looking for parking or using as thoroughfare. Can WCC ask for a traffic calming study on that street. People are avoiding 6/7th and there are sneaky ways to get to River Road; no speed limit sign from Blair going west on 5th. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Limited budget to install traffic calming ii. Parking permitting of the area will create more troubles; we need to advertise about Parking Lot iii. Civilians can go to a training to track/report traffic patterns iv. Educate people - when you park, you have to let people who live there leave their driveway j. Bond? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Survey going on currently to ask if people are willing to give more money, and how much
<p>2) Key Decisions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Pete Sorensen - Move to what month? • No Parks Improvements (Emily Proudfoot); - move to what month? • Create subcommittee to work with Ct. Meizel (can Abatement process help?)
<p>3) Action Items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Names, Action Item and Date Due ▪ Dana and JVan, will call to organize conversation with Cpt. Meizel