

## Whiteaker Community Council General Meeting 2017.10.11: Mid-term Elections!

- I. Elections (4 positions)
  - A. Makaela Kroin (live)
  - B. Shelby Meyer (live/work)
  - C. James Miller (live)
  - D. Anika Pass (live)
  
- II. George Brown – on city auditor
  - A. Examine any city function paid by tax \$
  - B. Changes city charter
  - C. Researched US & Canada city auditor programs
  - D. 8091 signatures needed; 13k+ signed
  - E. Independent/elected auditor (4yr term)
  - F. Questions
    - 1q. How do we make the auditor accountable?
      - 1a. Auditor will publish actions on website. Public should go to city council meetings. Public should email auditor & city staff.
    - 2q. Where do candidates come from?
      - 2a. Auditor journals/publications (CFP). Candidates will appear on November 2018 ballot.
    - 3q. How can we help?
      - 3a. Visit [www.cityaccountability.org](http://www.cityaccountability.org). Sign. Donate. Volunteer.
    - 4q. Does the position become partisan?
      - 4a. No. This is not shown in the research.
    - 5q. Where do the funds come from?
      - 5a. 1/10<sup>th</sup> of 1% of city budget. Equals \$700k. Equals enough auditor, +3 auditor assistants, +2 staff.
  
- III. Pete Sorenson, Lane County Commissioner for South Eugene. (Whit = NW corner of SW district)
  - A. Pro auditor for city.
  - B. Lane County Health & Human Resources
    1. 624,000 mental health / 21% of State Ave.
    2. Oregon worst per capita mental illness rate.
      - a. Homelessness is high (1/2 have mental illness)
      - b. High school drop out rate
    3. Stable funding, but demand increases – private help
    4. F.U.S.E. (syncs services for mentally ill)
      - a. currently 100 people enrolled.
    5. Questions.
      - 1q. How short are we in our efforts?
        - 1a. Hard to say; compared to other actions, we are inadequate.
      - 2q. What can be done to focus efforts on drug dealers, not users?
        - 2a. 5yr levy to secure jail beds – successful. Arrest function = Eugene city budget, committee meets annually. Phil Carasco & Pete = County Budget.

= Parole, probation, prosecution function. \*Tues 9am – 3 minutes per public comment.

3q. Construction excise tax = 3% fee for lower income housing on “luxury home” construction.

4q. Gerrymandering impact on Lane County

4a. Maybe/maybe not

5q. Levy – any \$ back?

5a. Not exactly. Over budgeted money carried forward and reduced overall budget.

6q. Was the County Drug Task Force ended?

6a. Federally funded narcotics team, was disbanded.

7q. Why aren't we getting a comprehensive approach?

7a. Many vested interests explain why it is/isn't happening. War on drugs mentality is shifting.

8q. Mentally ill services for D.D. vs “other”.

8a. State level funding, counties can raise extra.

9q. Bike path safety problem.

9a. Go to CAHOOTS for support; Lane County Health

#### IV. Police Chief

A. Kerns is retiring.

B. Meetings to hear what we want in new Police Chief.

1. Thursday October 12<sup>th</sup>.

2. Data-driven strategy = holes in Whiteaker service

3. Community-Policing strategy.

a. assigned to Whiteaker.

b. Demand more funds allocated in budget.

4. What is your strategy on drug dealers?

C. Please go home and think about this & attend meetings

D. Attend city council meetings to demand \$ (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of a month).

E. Strategy for recruiting new officers? (Incentive to live in Eugene)

#### V. Public Comment

A. Whiteaker Health Committee

1. 175 surveys; volunteers needed for door-to-door

B. Emerald Village

1. Still accepting applications!! January determinations.