

Whiteaker Community Council Minutes: Board 2018.04.18

Attendance: Jim Wienecke from River Road Parks & Rec, Carlos Barrera (CERT), Megan York (UO journalism student), Richard Guske, Sheila Zahra

Board in attendance: Stacey Yates, Katie Guske, James Miller, Thea Lee, Cathy Feely, Brad Foster, Anand Holtham-Keathley, Anika Pass, Tara Garkow, Rebecca Amodeo, Jason Vanderhaar, Chris Gadsby, Andrew Price

I. Public Comments:

A) Richard Guske and John VanLandingham are involved with a group who are working to form a Renters Association for Eugene.

- i. He will be inviting CAT (Community Alliance of Tenants) from Portland to speak about organizing.
- ii. Richard would like to piggy back off of a WCC general meeting to discuss this with neighbors. Potentially in May.
- iii. John VanLandingham will be there for the meeting. If it can't happen at a general meeting they will do a separate one, but would still like WCC advertising.
- iv. In yellow mailer they would at least like a mention about an "Information meeting about forming a renters association."

B) Jim Wienecke from River Road Parks & Recreation spoke next. They are losing funding due to annexations by the city, and previous bond measure strategies are no longer as effective.

- i. Due to the greater efficiency in the River Road Parks & Rec acting as a special district in handling its funding (compared to the city's parks department), Jim is requesting support on getting the city to do a feasibility study on making all of the city's parks a special district separate from the city.
- ii. A city wide parks special district would have a board.
- iii. Contact info: wieneckejim@gmail.com

C) Carlos Barrera from CERT was next. He is there to discuss the need for a neighborhood disaster plan. We already have a draft of one.

- i. He will come back on June 13th to present about disaster preparedness.
- ii. There is an upcoming CERT meeting at Adams school on April 29th, 2pm to 5pm. They will discuss disaster prep strategies such as "go kits."
- iii. Contact: incertse@gmail.com and www.friendlyareaneighbors.org

II. Rebecca Amodeo is moving out of the neighborhood and resigning from the Board. She is still willing to commit to doing work with the Health subcommittee.

- III. Minutes need to be approved from the election last week. Other than correcting the date of Wayde's neighborhood clean up, the minutes were approved unanimously.
- A) Board minutes are still a more thorny issue, balance between openness, speed of posting, and being adequately corrected and approved cited.
- i. Motion made to post online in the Facebook page for approval with that taking place there (Cathy). Seconded by JVan.
 - ii. Amendment to approval process where the actual approval would take place at the following month's board meeting motioned for by Chris. Seconded by Brad. Passes, 11 yays, 1 abstain.
 - iii. Further amendment wherein even though approval would happen at the next board meeting, the minutes would still be distributed to the board to peruse on the Facebook page and via email for Andrew and Thea, motioned for by JVan. Seconded by Thea. Passes unanimously.
- IV. A change to the procedures for signing checks from the WCC account is made. Now checks would require two signatures (if this is allowed by the charter), with the four board officers all with signing powers in case anyone is out of town. Brad motions, Thea seconds. Passes unanimously.
- V. Introductions. Everyone introduces themselves.
- VI. Social Media. Concern is raised over trashing city officials, cops, or others in general. The board should conduct themselves carefully. No name calling, be respectful and professional. Should there be official censures for not following those guidelines? Discussion seems to settle on "no" as personal conversations are more effective.
- VII. Yellow Mailer.
- A) May Agenda: BikeShare (Brad will contact). The Whiteaker Community Market. Announce the Great Whiteaker Spring Clean Up on Saturday June 2nd at 1pm. Committees will present goals and solicit public membership. Announce, and briefly outline, meeting to form a renters association. Foster mentorship program will present.
- B) June Agenda: Forum to discuss and outline Whiteaker environmental issues. Public Works will attend to present on issues like this (Stacey will contact). LRAPA will also present on air and pollution issues (Cathy will contact). Parks department will also be back to update us on park happenings (Thea will contact).
- C) July Agenda: Forum on health issues with aging. Lane Council on Aging will present (Anand will contact). Elder Health & Living will present (Thea will contact). Lane County Senior & Disability Services will present (Tara will contact). And a fall prevention presentation will also be conducted (James will contact PeaceHealth for that).
- D) August Agenda: Ice Cream Social

VIII. Committees:

- A) Finance-Local Business: Katie Guske – Chair (Stacey motion, Cathy seconds).
- B) Affordability/Homelessness: Stacey Yates – co-chair (Stacey motions, JVan seconds). Tara Garkow – co-chair (Tara motions, Stacey seconds).
- C) Health & Public Safety – Anand Holtham-Keathley – co-chair (Cathy motions, JVan seconds). Cathy Feely – co-chair (Stacey motions, Thea seconds).
- D) Culture-Heritage-Outreach: Andrew Price – co-chair (Andrew motions, JVan seconds). Emily West – co-chair (JVan motions, Thea seconds).
- E) Charter Review: Jason Vanderhaar – co-chair (JVan motions, Thea seconds). Chris Gadsby – co-chair (Andrew motions, Stacey seconds)... pending acceptance.
- F) Land Use: Cathy Feely – chair (Cathy motions, JVan seconds).
- G) Transportation: Brad Foster – chair (JVan motions, Thea seconds).
- H) Parks: Thea Lee – co-chair (Thea motions, Stacey seconds). Cathy Feely – co-chair (Stacey motions, Thea seconds).
- I) All nominations were approved unanimously.