

JWN Executive Board Meeting – July 21st, 2020

Board Members Present: Ted Coopman (Chair); Sue Cummings (Treasurer); Eric Dil

Absences: none

Guests: Eddie Wangenstein, pastor; Walt Kaptain, outreach of Grace Fellowship Church

1. Meeting called to order

The Chair called the meeting at 6:30 to order. Agenda adjustments: None.

2. Brief reports from Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and NLC rep

Chair (Ted) - Had really good talk with Downtown neighbourhood association about recommendations to City concerning un-housed. We also work with them on good neighbourhood agreement for MAT clinic. Chamber of Commerce appears to be the power factor in city of Eugene. We need to campaign for those recommendations and managed shelter places like reststops and microsites. / Working together with representatives on good neighbourhood agreement for new Permanent Supportive Housing complex. / Residential parking permit is in process. Sue: I watched City Council meeting; some of City Councillors are still in favour for some type of homeless shelter downtown. Ted: We intend to organise together with Downtown neighbourhood association a Town-hall meeting in August about our recommendations for revised policy concerning unhoused. Sue: City Council meeting was mostly about park blocks, farmers market and urban renewal district. Ted: Vanessa is investigating enhanced security in Monroe park.

Treasurer (Sue) - Sue reports following totals: OCCU Savings Account: \$799.94. Neighbourhood Outreach Funds -First Allotment: \$3,315.50. Petty cash: \$58.03. ENI Account: \$176.20

Secretary (Eric) - Still need to finish the Minutes of the June Board meeting.

NLC (Ted) - Last NLC focussed mostly on recommendations unhoused, and structural changes in NLC. Board of Neighbourhoods associations shouldn't drive reform of police.

3. Brief committee reports

Neighbourhood Matching Grant - n/a

Outreach - Summer paper newsletter (see agenda point 7.) Notification for election in September by postcard. We could think of buying more yard and feather signs. Dave is willing to do graphical work for newsletter.

Events – n/a

Advisory boards - n/a

Friends of parks affiliates - Ted gives an update on recent work parties in Monroe Park.

Committees - n/a

4. Eddie Wangenstein, pastor of Grace Fellowship Church + Walt Kaptein, outreach of Grace Fellowship Church

Chair welcomes Eddie Wangenstein and Walt Kaptein and explains that normally there would be a 7 people board, but that we need to wait till a physical General Meeting in September to be able to (re)elect board members.

Walt Kaptein and Eddie Wangenstein ask board how Grace Fellowship Church could best serve community, and how they (church) are seen in neighbourhood. Sue: What do you have in mind? What are you intending to do? She uses an example of work of an other church. Walt Kaptein: We do a lot with youth. Grace Fellowship is forming partnership with César E. Chávez Elementary School. Church will help them getting computers to support their start of new school year in this new normal time of online classes. Church intends to organise on August 2 a Back to School event on parking of church. Wangenstein expresses his concern that neighbourhood could see this as unsafe. Eddie Wangenstein: Until now we don't get information not to do it. Eric: Coming back to your first questions how church could best serve community and how church is seen. Even while I am direct neighbour of your church I don't have much insight in what your church is doing besides regular worship services. So I think that it would be good as you introduce church and its work to JWN neighbours by either a presentation in General Meeting or by an article in e-news or newsletter. I very much appreciate your partnership with César E. Chávez Elementary School. I like idea of a Back to School event. Most important to me would be that parents and their children feel safe about an event like that. I think there could be all kind of creative ideas to keep it a safe event; so could you draw 6 feet circles on parking, like that each family could take place in a circle and keep enough distance off other families. To prevent concerns in the neighbourhood I would communicate why you organise this event and what you intend to do to keep it safe. Ted: Children program of City that is organised in Monroe Park uses special protocol to act safely given Covid. He advises church to consult and follow that protocol. Then you can communicate that church is doing what city is doing. In case Church wants to realise event it could be published in e-news. All the different churches in our neighbourhood are important to us. We are very serious about their role. He propose church to make a textual contribution of 200/300 words for paper newsletter; "a text in which you can demystify who you are". Sue: I really appreciate anything you do for homeless. She shares her positive experience with neighbourhood church.

5. Prior general meeting review

Concerning reflection on Microsites following. Sue: There are clearly different views about homelessness. Ted: Potential locations for microsites are location by dog-park (Lane Events Centre is not willing to allow a microsite on their site), and Westmorland City Park. Sue: A microsite could become a positive experience.

6. Elections

Chair: I am collecting candidate statements. During August General (Zoom) Meeting there will be a candidate forum, and a physical meeting in September will be announced where actual election process should take place. Chair gives overview from candidates as known until now.

7. Summer newsletter (submission deadline August 3)

Board discusses distribution of preparation of follow items for summer newsletter: Business Profile, Council/ Supervisor Candidate Events, Board Election Announcements, Recommendations on homelessness, Microsites, Report on COVID homeless camping impacts, Impediments to action in government, Survey Results and Shop Local.

8. Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm

ACTIONS

- Connect Grace Fellowship Church with representative of children program of City about special Covid protocol (action Ted)