

Homeless Solutions Task Force (HOST) meeting

July 25, 2019

Clatsop Community College

MINUTES

1. Meeting began at 9:37 a.m. Members in attendance initialed the roster which is attached with these minutes. Councilor Herman, representing Mayor Jones, expressed Mayor Jones' condolences for not being able to attend the meeting due to schedule conflicts and added that he attended the presentation by Dan Bryant last night (July 24).
2. Chief Spalding discussed the two roster changes. Vivianna Matthews, Interim Director of Clatsop Community Action has replaced Elaine Bruce. Lisa McClean, RN, Clatsop County Public Health has replaced Gabriella Karosi. Mayor Jones has approved the addition of the two newest members.
3. Minutes of April 18, 2019 meeting were approved. Alan Evans moved, Raven Brown seconded. Unanimous approval.
4. HOST Guest, Ron Maxted introduced Dan Bryant from SquareOne Villages in Eugene. SquareOne Villages is a non-profit organization dedicated to creating self-managed communities of cost-effective tiny homes for people in need of housing. Dan gave a great presentation spending over an hour explaining how the small home project started, how it was funded, some of the issues they've encountered and navigating the city codes and building community support. There were significant questions from the audience. Additional information on SquareOne Villages can be found at this web site - <https://www.squareonevillages.org/>.
5. Chief Spalding shared that the Astoria Police Department recognized Eddie Gates, who has experienced being unsheltered, with an APD Challenge Coin in recognition for two separate incidents in the community where he assisted at the scene of traffic accidents involving injured persons. The recognition was posted on Facebook and received many positive comments.
6. Chief Spalding shared that Jonah Dart-McLean will provide an update at the next meeting on the status of the Clean Slate Program. Jonah was unable to make today's meeting and has had an unusually busy summer in the Parks Department. Chief Spalding also said that members of the Journey Home Program committee will meet before the next meeting to work on the details of this program where transportation funds are provided to individuals who have family elsewhere, want to return, and the family situation has been confirmed to improve their chance of success.
7. Guest, Nelle Moffett shared that she has an upcoming conference call with members of Astoria City staff to discuss a program regarding Community Solutions to end Homelessness. More details will follow.
8. Chief Spalding states that he was approached by a local business (who has asked to remain anonymous for the time being) with a proposal and partnership offer to work with unsheltered individuals seeking employment and needing temporary place to stay in a hotel room subsidized

by the employer. Chief Spalding said he reached out to Vivianna at CCA and they met with the employer's management to discuss the details. More to follow.

9. Chief Spalding shared an update on calls for service related to homeless individuals. Year to date calls totaled 634, an increase of over 300% from last year. Aside from the numbers, Spalding shared that he has received several positive comments that the homeless problem seems to be lessened this year. Sr. Officer Hansen, who has recently returned to Patrol from Detectives, advises that he is seeing many new faces and that there is a significant amount of mental illness amongst many of these individuals he's encountered.
10. Chief Spalding stated that nothing has changed on the police department's stance on enforcing unlawful campsites in the urban forest. These will be addressed if calls for service in the surrounding areas increase.
11. Chief Spalding advised that some signage has been erected to warn individuals of making exchanges of property in the right-of-way between a pedestrian and a motor vehicle. Spalding reminded everyone that this is a potential traffic safety concern and that they are not trying to prevent panhandling. Panhandling can still occur in a parking lot or other area not in the roadway.
12. Future direction -- recommendations to Council. Chief would also like to continue the use of subcommittees for particular tasks. He will reach out to the chairs of the groups to seek an update for the next meeting. Over the next two meetings, we will discuss what we'd like to present to City Council to include a presentation on the good work that has been done by the committee and its guests, and any recommendations for programs or additional studies.
13. Doodle Poll will be sent out to determine date for next meeting
14. Adjourned 11:33 a.m.

Submitted by Geoff Spalding, July 25, 2019

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