

WCHTF May 4, 2022

Meeting Notes

City Survey

Dan Buckshi, Walnut Creek City Manager gave a presentation on the status of the city, it's budgets and activities and the survey effort to identify priorities as the city moves forward. The focus is on maintaining the overall quality of life. The city is reaching out to residents, businesses, and non-profits to get feedback on what the city can do to maintain the quality of life. There is an on-line survey on the city's website at <https://www.walnut-creek.org/government/community-survey> Questions for Dan included how the city is handling some of the key vacancies in the housing and sustainability planning efforts, what the city can do to handle the changes in how crimes are charged, and whether the city is considering new services for homelessness. Dan said that feedback so far is that homeless services is a relatively high priority for many, and the city is looking for ideas on what additional services such as a safe parking program the city should consider. There was a question about the city's progress on permitting innovative housing solutions and Dan said that we are working on it, but vacancies are making things tough. Dan announced that the city has a new Community Development Director, Erika Vandenbrande starting May 9th.

Housing Element - Hitta Mosesman, Harris & Associates, as a consultant to the city, gave an overview of the process that the City of Walnut Creek is working through to update the Housing Element. The Housing Element update will include lots of information on how the City intends to meet the Regional Housing Needs Assessment number. She reviewed the components of the plan and encouraged any who had input or questions to reach out to nb@bragadopanning.com hitta.mosesman@weareharris.com or to Andy Smith.

Marco Newsom - Weekend & Evening Services – Off-Hours support

Marco gave a short presentation on how he is working with others to move program forward. The key decision really will be location. Here is a graphic that shows the draft timeline.

Walnut Creek Off Hours Support plan (food program)

April				May				June				July			
week 1	week 2	week 3	week 4	week 1	week 2	week 3	week 4	week 1	week 2	week 3	week 4	week 1	week 2	week 3	week 4
Create and agree on plan															
Communicate with															
Solicit partners and teams															
Obtain commitment from partners															
Create funding plan															
					Contact City re., possible sites	Proposal to operate with City	Receive necessary permits from City								
					Planning for operations (significant task)					Operations pilot					
				Communicate with											
Solicit feedback from stakeholders															
								Communicate							

Spring Forum:

July 7 and July 26 are tentative dates. They are planning to do it in council chambers to get Matt Bolendar's help. It sounds like the 26th date might be better. Jaime, who can't make that date says she can get a colleague to get the big picture presentation. Look for emails setting up planning meeting and confirming date.

Hope Village at Grace Presbyterian: Application delayed because pre-application needed work.

Trinity Center Updates: Pam McGrath: Marjolein is leaving Trinity May 20th and she will miss us all. Evening program is wrapped up. One more housing success story this week. Opportunities Bloom is coming up May 19th from 6 to 8:30at Ruth Bancroft Garden. Tickets at Trinity's website! And a big thanks to WCPD to working with Trinity on security. www.trinitycenterwc.org for tickets...see you there!

CORE Report: Lisa Thomas: 98 contacts 47 unique 85% disabled, 131 services: health care, trinity, and soft referrals. 31% went to warming center. Several people the team was able to get into shelter and detox! Sherry got someone back to his parents, four people into detox, working with family from Ukraine to get help. Really busy and staying on top of it. Project Room Key hotels are starting to close as things wind down so referrals to county shelters are not available because remaining Room Key residents are being moved into the county shelter. This is happening around the bay area as funding ends.

Jaime Jennet: Point in time available mid to end of May. They will also have a CoC Learning Hub on Family Homelessness coming on May 9th. All the details are here: <https://conta.cc/3OZBwV8>

Loaves and Fishes: Loaves and Fishes is looking for help in their central kitchen in Pittsburg on Saturdays and Sundays from 7:30-10:30am and in their Pittsburg dining room from 11am-1pm. This involves meal prep and serving. Please email if you'd like to volunteer: karen@loavesfishescc.org. Thanks!

Next Meeting: June 1st