



Healthy Neighborhood Coalition Meeting Notes

03/09/15

Members present: Anne Johnston, Long Vue, Mark Maggiora, Bill Judd, Kate Rogers, Jamon Kimmul, Lauren Patton, Matti Neal, Keri Stanberry, Marge Davis, Sharon Linn, Chuck Green, Lori Weedman, Cyndie Meyer, Tes Hollowatz, Kris Potter, and Charlie Mitchell

Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements

Chuck Green

- He and his wife have been active with their church, Real Life Foursquare Church, in forming a partnership with Sacajawea Elementary. They have strategically been focusing on reducing absenteeism by providing mentors for Breakfast and Lunch Buddy programs. Since this started last year, they have seen attendance improve from 90% average daily attendance to 93% average daily attendance. They have also been working on “leveling the playing field” by sponsoring/making sure that all can participate in Family Nights (by purchasing pizza/books/etc. for those that wouldn’t normally be able to participate). This year they will be focusing on building relationships.
- Internet Essentials – a program with Comcast that provides low-cost internet (\$9.95/month) for families. For more information: www.InternetEssentials.com
- Voter Reengagement Forum – Sunday, April 26 from 4-5:30pm at Vancouver Community Library – they will be discussing why people didn’t vote in 2014 and how we can get all voters to the ballot box in 2015. For more information, contact Chuch at sjclgreen@yahoo.com or (360) 449-2132
- CTRAN – Bus Rapid Transit – bids for construction go out next month and construction should start in June or July. The official name for BRT will be “The Vine”

Kris Potter

- There will be a city-wide training on using Nextdoor on Monday, March 30 at 6pm at the Water Resource Education Center
- Her neighborhood has started what they call “Soup Nights” – once/month – different neighbors host and make the soup and the neighbors come to mingle bringing their own bowl and spoon. It has proven to be a very successful community engagement effort.

4th Plain Forward Project – Kate Rogers, Jamon Kimmull, and Lauren Patton



The City of Vancouver is working with students from Portland State University Master of Urban and Regional Planning program to develop an action strategy for a portion of 4th Plain. This project will build on the 2007 4th Plain Subarea Plan and aims to improve conditions along the corridor for both businesses and residents. This project will focus on a section of the corridor from Grand to Rossiter Lane. The students will identify actions the City and its partners can take to address the following goals:

- Support the stabilization and growth of small businesses in the corridor, especially minority-owned businesses.
- Expand opportunities for families living in neighborhoods along the corridor.
- Identify strategies that leverage transit-investments and support local economic development (like Bus Rapid Transit)

We participated in a group discussion and provided some feedback/input about the following topics:

- On-going market (farmers/others) on 4th Plain
- Gardens
- Home-based childcare
- Streetscape

Please provide your input for this project by participating in their online survey: www.bit.ly/182DLI2

Rose Village Community Health Worker Pilot Project – Anne Johnston

We have recruited 13 Community Health Workers and just completed over 90 hours of Community Health Worker Training along with the Community Health Workers from the pilots in South Kelso and Wahkiakum. This month we have begun to meet as an individual team. Several of our Community Health Workers were present at this meeting and introduced themselves:

- Bill Judd
- Matti Neal
- Keri Stanberry
- Tes Hollowatz
- Marge Davis

Central Vancouver Updates – Mark Maggiora

- Will be working with a group and Everyday Deals on landscape improvement of the Village Plaza corner
- Rose Village Neighborhood Association will be working on 33rd Street Traffic Calming with Murals – students at Discovery Middle School are helping with the mural design
- Gardens – will be starting early with this nice weather. They will be expanding the Village Plaza Garden.
- Tool Library – should be ready to launch soon.

Next Meeting: April 6 from 4:30-6:30pm at the Center for Community Health (1601 E Fourth Plain Blvd) – we will be serving as an advisory group to the CHW pilot and having some equity conversations about work in central Vancouver. Hope you can join us!

