
INTRODUCTIONS:

Introductions of Vision Keepers

Approve amended Minutes from March 3, 2020 meeting

THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

Jim moved to approve amended Minutes, Shauna second, all in favor

2020 VISION KEEPERS MEETING SCHEDULE:

- October 27, 2020 (4-6 p.m.)

CURRENT NEEDS OR CHALLENGES WITH LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS AND LEAD PARTNER UPDATES:

Richard Meyers, City Manager/City of Cottage Grove:

- Challenges of Covid
- City Hall, Golf Courses, and Parks are open
- City meetings are held virtually
- City has laid off some staff members
- Library will open next week or the first part of July for limited computer usage and curbside pickup
- Remodel is continuing at the Community Center
- Senior and Disability Services is moving in July
- Café 60 meals will take place at Community Center in the future
- Genealogy will move to a remodeled room in the Community Center
- Council set aside money for business loans
- The City received funding from Lane County to offer business grants/loans and now has a total $125,000 to offer local businesses
- Most community events have been canceled
- KNND has an application in for the Car Cruise set for August 22nd
- City is working on an Earth Quake preparedness for October
- Grand Fondo is set for July 25th and will look different this year
- Safe Route to Schools project has started
Jackie Lester, At Large:

Be Your Best (BYB) Updates:
- BYB has two working advisory committees
- Cottage Grove Community Cares crisis response network is working to support basic needs for the vulnerable population
- BYB received funding and hired Samantha Duncan as the part-time coordinator
- BYB also has an advisory group working to capture community input and feedback for the Community Health Center project
- Community Health Center is moving forward

First Presbyterian Church Updates:
- First Presbyterian is supporting the community garden at Community Sharing and distributed 300 mini gardens to community members
- First Presbyterian is also working on a senior project and received a grant from United Way
- The grant funding has been given to help Trinity Lutheran meals, Café 60, and Tuckers Cupboard
- The Tiny House project is progressing and interviews took place for the 9 houses that are ready to occupy

Teresa Cowan, Community Coordinator/City of Cottage Grove:
- Remodel continues in the Community Center
- Teresa is receiving resource calls and questions regarding Covid
- Looking into a mobile shower unit for our unsheltered population
- City sent out a Covid resource postcard to the senior population

Danny Solesbee, At Large:
- SLFD: Fires are down
- EBID and Main Street are in the process of merging
- Danny took a new class on smoke detectors and will apply with the state to receive smoke detectors for the community. Let Danny know if you hear of anyone who needs them (no eligibility requirements)

Chrystal Morrison, Family Relief Nursery:
- FRN is providing Classroom Dojo and basic needs to families
- Home visits have started
- Remodeling has been taking place at the nursery
- Working on getting Emergency Respite going
- Monday thru Friday 8-4 p.m. staff is in the office
- There has been an increase in enrollment
- Diapers/wipes/formula are open to all families in Cottage Grove and surrounding areas – you do not have to be enrolled in FRN
**Reilly Newman, At Large/Watershed Council:**

- The Watershed Council receives funding through the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board and the funding budget this year is reduced and unknown
- The CFWWC's Education Coordinator was laid off due to COVID-19 related school closures
- Hired 12 summer youth students that are working in teams of three with the Forest Service, City of Cottage Grove, and Army Corps
- Reilly is working from home
- Science Pub is not happening right now but hope to continue in the future

**Shauna Neigh, Chamber of Commerce:**

- Shauna started working with the Chamber on March 16, 2020
- The Chamber is working to keep businesses updated on funding and information regarding Covid
- Big Stuff BBQ is reopening on July 1st
- There is a second opening in the loan and grant program (closes June 30th)
- Concert in the Parks have been canceled and funds have been reallocated to create virtual tours
- The Chamber and Visitor Center are moving to Main Street/99
- Chamber is upgrading office systems
- Ribbon cutting in August (watch for an invite)
- Eco Generation recycling program is the 2nd Saturday at the Community Center parking lot

**Christy Inskip, At Large:**

- The Health Center has been delayed briefly due to Covid but is expected to be completed summer 2021
- LCC and Lane County will meet with an architect this week with a draft plan
- Lane County Call Center is open to answer Covid questions from 8-5 p.m., Monday – Friday 541-682-1380
- Food giveaway on the 3rd Monday monthly from 1-3 p.m. at the 7th Day Adventist church (Contact Judy Rose at 541-514-5889 to sign up for a food box)

**Jessica Klarr, Community Coordinator Assistant/City of Cottage Grove:**

- South Valley Resource Alliance food giveaway is scheduled for July 2nd from 4-6 p.m. at the Health Hub

**Jake Boone, City Council:**

- Jake is replacing Bob Ehler’s position due to his passing
- The City voted to honor the bike repair station on the Row River Trail to Bob Ehler
Beth Pool, Sustainable Cottage Grove:
- Covid food resource concerns
- ROP is offering food distribution services now
- Farmers Market on Thursday is up and running – mask are required/6ft social distancing
- Farmers Market SNAP double up are still offered

Sherry Durest-Higgins, South Lane School District/Community Sharing:
- The school year is officially over and summer vacation has started
- We do not know what the next school year will look. Lane County will check school year purposed plans. The kids are supposed to have 35 sq. feet (6x6) in a classroom.
- Next year will probably be a hybrid model, but we don’t know yet
- Cottage Grove High school offered a virtual graduation for students

Jim Gilroy, EBID:
- No updates (all of his updates were already discussed)

Holli Turpin, Lane Community College:

LCC Update:
- LCC is still closed
- LCC lost two part-time staff members
- Classes are running remotely
- 9 summer classes are offered
- Fall school year will offer online classes only

The Historical Society Update:
- The Historical Society is offering weekly mini history lessons on Facebook
- The teacher grant (up to $200) is still open to teachers who want to include local history in their lessons (k-12)
- Finished up the History hunt and winner receives a $150 gift certificate to Main Street

Vision Keepers Annual Awards and Update for City Council:
- The committee agreed to pause awards this year and skip the update for City Council
- Teresa explained Vision Keepers awards

THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

Danny motion to postpone awards/update to City Council, Reilly second, all in favor

Richard Meyers, City Manager update on the Visioning Process:
- The Visioning process has been postponed due to Covid
- The funds are being used to go towards business emergency loans
- Funds have been put into next year’s budget for the Vision
- Vision Keepers discussed the postponement

Meeting adjourned 5:21 p.m.