



CITY OF SWEET HOME COMMUNITY HEALTH COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 19, 2021, 6:00 PM
Sweet Home City Hall, 3225 Main Street
Sweet Home, OR 97386

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Mission Statement

The City of Sweet Home will work to build an economically strong community with an efficient and effective local government that will provide infrastructure and essential services to the citizens we serve. As efficient stewards of the valuable assets available, we will be responsive to the community while planning and preparing for the future.

The Community Health Committee will hold a Regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Santiam Conference Room at City Hall, 3225 Main Street. Individuals attending public meetings in person, will be required to maintain appropriate social distancing, (6-ft.) and be free of symptoms related to COVID-19. The City of Sweet Home is streaming the meeting via the Microsoft Teams platform and asks the public to consider this option. There will be opportunity for public input via the live stream. To view the meeting live, online visit live.sweethomeor.gov. If you don't have access to the internet you can call in to 541-367-5128 and you'll be asked to choose option #1 to be logged in to the call. Meeting ID 861 388 18#

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Committee Member Lisa Gourley
Committee Member Larry Horton
Committee Member Bob Dalton
Committee Member Dick Knowles (video)
Di Lacey (video)
Brock Byers (FAC PM) (video)

VISITORS

Madeleine Duncan (video)
Michelle Snyder, Sweet Home School District (video)
Kristin Adams, Sweet Home High School (video)
Natali Chase (video)
Justin Zellinger (video)
Maren Weld (video)
Sol Khaitas (video)
Brandy O'Bannon (video)
Sherry Harbert (video)
James Page, Samaritan

STAFF

City Manager Ray Towry

Administrative Assistant Julie Fisher (video)

Community Resource Officer Sean Morgan (video)

Police Chief Jeff Lynn (video)

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes as ammended (Horton/Dalton)

- a) 2021-03-15 Community Health Committee Minutes

Reports of Committees:

Community Health Fair Committee

Western University

- a) Western University Students Report

Dr. Larry Horton gave an introduction of the program.

Justin Zellinger, MIKE Program Executive Director explained the program is a health education mentoring connection in schools. First year students from Western University Medical School and Sweet Home High School students met to discuss topics such as nutrition, mental health, and career opportunities. Health Teacher Michelle Snyder is helping to facilitate the mentorship program with the 36 high school students and 10 medical mentors.

A short YouTube video was played giving a quick overview of the MIKE program. Madeline Duncan talked more about the benefits of the program. Sol Khaitas spoke on her experience as a mentor. Maren Weld added why she joined the health club, stating she had an interested in becoming a nurse. She spoke about the benefits of being paired with a mentor. Natali Chase talked about her experience with MIKE and how it has inspired her towards her dream of becoming a pediatric nurse.

Di Lacey Western University spoke on the beginning of the MIKE program and how it was tailored for Sweet Home and some of the challenges the program faced getting started. Di Lacey added the Sweet Home School District and the MIKE program have been outstanding to work with.

Homeless Action Committee

Dr. Horton reported CHANCE is currently providing some transitional housing to the homeless, renting rooms in local hotels. Dr. Horton spoke to one recent success story of someone who has entered into transitional housing after 25 years of homelessness. Dr. Horton reported Helping Hands is working to develop the former Hope Center into a shelter.

The Homeless Committee has been working to identify property that would be appropriate to address homeless.

Old Business:

James Page reported he was able to share his experience with the New Era and information will be shared with the community.

Chief Lynn reported on the vaccination clinic held last week. The Police Department has been watching calls for services for those suffering with mental health concerns. Calls have risen from 31 last year to 120. The department has met with Linn County Mental Health and are working to get additional resources to those with mental health issues.


Brock Byers followed up summarizing success of the vaccination clinic.

City Manager Ray Towry stated if anyone is still in need of a COVID vaccination to call their primary care provider.

New Business: None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.



Chair – Councilor Gourley



Date:

