

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2019 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

The meeting began at 7:38 pm.

Members present were: Rick Ransom, Dea Zugby, Dan Hamlin, Jamie Krauk, Sherry Burks, Kevin Hammett and David Moran, Staff Liaison. Board Member Lisa Lake participated by phone.

Welcome & Introductions

Rick welcomed everyone. Rick read the Community Pledge.

Approval of Minutes

There was unanimous he motion passed unanimously.

Community Feedback

There was no community feedback.

Report on Holiday Decorating Contest

Jamie provided several edits. CRAB concurred with submission of the Report.

Response from Police Chief to CRAB's Questions and Next Steps

Jamie believed more information was needed in response to Question 1.

Jamie suggested that CRAB discuss via email any follow-up questions. Then CRAB could invite the Police Chief to a follow-up meeting where the whole compendium was discussed.

Dan believed there were some things in the responses that were vague.

CRAB agreed to invite Chief to the next meeting (June). Jamie requested that CRAB members submit any questions over the next week. David agreed to produce a compendium binder and provide it to CRAB in advance on the June meeting.

Council Referral on Community Litter Clean-Up Program

David briefly mentioned this referral. CRAB suggested there be outreach to GreenACES and find out what they are doing, David agreed to share a link with CRAB members so they could review the Council Meeting video.

Reports from CRAB (ear to the ground)

Rick referenced the scourge of opioid deaths. He indicated CRAB may hear alarm from the community. Jamie concurred. There was discussion of the vigil at the park for a recent opioid death.

Jamie indicated there are many Greenbelts and there were people at the vigil she had never met before, which was positive.

Dan asked if paramedics and police were trained and equipped to administer the antidote for overdoses. David agreed to try and get the answer.

Dea asked how the word got out. Jamie responded that information was shared on Facebook, Greenbelters and through the Co-Op Grocery.

There was discussion of the Community Pledge. It was suggested it be placed on Facebook and published in the News Review. Rick wanted to make it a regular part of the City Ad.

City Council Meeting with Faith Communities

David announced that the Council was holding a meet and greet with Greenbelt Faith Communities on June 5 at 6:30pm. in the Council Room.

2019 Meeting Schedule/Information Sharing

Bill Orleans reported that the FY 2019 Budget allocated funds for implicit bias training but that training had not occurred.

Lisa asked about an incident where a father & son were playing basketball in their driveway and police responded. Jamie responded it was her next door neighbor and relayed what she knew.

Dan announced that on June 12 at 6:30 the film the Sultan and the Saint would be shown at the Laurel Library.

CRAB agreed to hold their next meeting on June 13.

The meeting ended at 8:55pm.