

**THE COMMUNITY VOICE
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 23, 2018**

Desired Outcomes: Youth Voice Recruitment, Farmers Market, Internet-Zumacom

Roles: Chair- Kim Alexander, Co-Voice Chair- Ellen Warren and Robbie Nelson, Treasurer- Lois Oliver

Staff: Ronda Lancaster, Community Coordinator- Heather Nielson, Community Outreach- Lindsay Cressler, Office/ Meeting Assistant

Attendance: Kim Alexander, Ellen Warren, Robbie Nelson, Lois Oliver, Cecil Martin, Ronda Lancaster, Heather Nielson, and Lindsay Cressler,

Guest: Tammy Barr

Dinner, Greetings, Introductions

Agenda Approval:

Motion Ellen Warren **Second** Robbie Nelson

DISCUSSION

Vote: Yes 4 No 0 Abstain 1

Meeting Minutes- April 6, 2018- Need to put who was in attendance, and guests.

Motion Robbie Nelson **Second** Lois Oliver

DISCUSSION

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Farmers Market Presentation- Tammy Barr- Tammy has been in the area for approximately eight months. Tammy is a disabled veteran that served in the Navy. Her goal is to be able to volunteer and to serve the people and animals in this area.

The Farmers Market is requesting funding for liability insurance to be able to located the Farmers' Market at the Sun Dial parking lot. Kat Keesling and Tammy are waiting to hear back on what the exact amount will be. Kat is supposed to get the information and pass it on to Ronda. It is planned to have the Farmers' Market operate from May 5th to November. The vendors will not be charged to have their spaces. Ellen suggested that Tammy contact KB Insurance for a second quote. Ellen would feel more comfortable with seeing a comparison prior to voting on any monetary donation. Tammy also mentioned that Kat will be talking to the Social Services about the possibility of clients being able to purchase produce and edibles with their EBT card. Tammy said she is waiting for several other organizations and businesses to hold their monthly meetings for them to decide on whether or not they make a donation. Through the Farmers Market Coalition for Insurance the cost would be \$850.00 for the "seasonal" year. They have collected \$600.00 so far towards the purchase price of the insurance. A contract with the property owner cannot be drawn up until there is proof of insurance. They do have permission to utilize the chain link fence for advertising banners and signs, but the fencing must stay in place.

Youth Voice Group

How do we recruit young adults? Community Voice is having a hard time recruiting young adults to work with us. During a meeting with Roxie Guynes, a concern was expressed that The Community Voice will recruit kids away from school groups because we can offer more activities. This makes the school activities hesitant to partner with The Community Voice. Ellen brought up that maybe we should focus doing the Youth Voice during the summer when school while school is out of session. Ronda would like to have youth attend and possibly sit on the Town Board and County Commissioners meetings as advisory. Roxie should have information to us by Wednesday on what we can provide for the Funday Monday barbecue on May 14th. We will use that opportunity to talk one-on-one to students about The Youth Voice. Heather will be providing information to the PAC classes from the Middle School on May 3rd with the idea of recruiting and obtaining parent contact numbers.

As a group, the Resident Team has decided to work on getting more of the middle school aged kids involved. With that, dealing with the school's concerns, during the school year, we would not meet with them more than once a year, and then focus on the majority of the work during the summer. Ronda also brought up that we need to find a way to get in contact with the home-schooled kids. Kim said she knew the home-schooled kids and parents and would get in touch with them to see if they would like to be involved. Kim will report back to the next Resident Team at the next meeting. Ellen suggested that an itinerary of activities be developed that could be provided to the students and their families. Cecil said that it would be a good thing to work closely with Roxie.

Zumacom- Lois shared an email with the pricing for Zumacom. With doing her research and talking to the owners, she felt that the 10 mbps download/3 mbps upload for \$79.99 a month was a good price, although that does not include telephone service. There is a \$99, one-time installation fee. Ronda suggested that we make an appointment with the owner to see if we would be in line for good wifi. Lois will contact Zumacom to set up a meeting and review whether our office is in line of sight with equipment on the bean tower. There are still a lot of questions the Resident Team has. One thing that Ronda shared is that the Ol' Pinon building will be going on the market soon. For now, we feel that it is best that we do not switch companies until we find out what we will be doing.

Critical Thinking- 5 Minutes Each

Robbie- Town Board Meeting was good. Robbie feels good about the possibilities with the new board members, and that we could have the support now that the new board is in position. Robbie followed up with the solar conversation with Region 9. They have mainly just had contact with the installers and not with a manufacturer. Robbie also brought up the feasibility of developing a local a worm farm. The closest one to us is in Denver.

Lois- Lois asked if the Resident Team would consider changing our meeting time for the summer to 6 instead of 5:30. Lois also asked if the calendar could be fixed to show the meeting at 5:30 instead of 5:00. Lois also reported that after research she found that a co-working space would not work in our area due to the internet not providing a high speed and that it is an inconsistent connection and speed. Lois talked to us about the Little Libraries that she saw in California. She suggested that we put one in front of our office by the bench. It was also noted

that Gwyn Funk and her mother have Little Library boxes in front of their residences.

Cecil- Cecil thinks that if we could get solar production to our area, that we need to do it in rural areas instead within the town limits. Cecil thinks that the next project that the Community Voice should work on is asset mapping. He would like Community Voice to come up with a listing of assets that are needed to map with a list of concerns with each item listed. It could be shared through email to make a skeleton list. Cecil asked that he be able to give a directive to the staff to have the beginning of the asset mapping list available in two weeks and to present it at the next meeting. This would be an asset mapping skeleton with the Resident Team taking portions of it to fill in additional assets. We would be able to discuss it and make final adjustments. When the Resident Team completes the list, it could be shared with other entities.

Ellen- Ellen was excited about the Town Board Meeting as well. She tried to get on the agenda for the limb pile, but was only able to talk during the public speaking portion. There were concerns expressed by the Staff as to the State regulations being met with the limb pile. Ellen contacted the State agency to ask questions about what the town would need to do for compliance to be able to burn the limb pile in Dove Creek. There is a one-page list of regulations that they ask to be followed. Ellen has all of the information. The barrel project is officially going. The first 9 barrels are being worked on by Charlotte Forsts' Ag class with rings being placed. Heather and Lindsay will go this week to get the rest of them, and move the barrels that are completed. The High School Student Council or STUD will place the soil and plant the flowers. Staff will be contacting businesses for placement of the barrels.

Kim- Kim attended the District Accountability Committee (DAC) meeting. They were revisiting their directives from the board to update the requests. Travis Randolph has resigned. Travis' resignation leaves two (2) positions vacant. The School Board appoints replacements of vacant positions for the DAC.

Adjournment

Motion Robbie Nelson **Second** Lois Oliver

Yes 4 **No** 0 **Abstain** 1