

Meeting Minutes: October 11, 2018 @ 7:00 PM
Epic Life Church

Attendees: Kevin Whatley, Ron Hornung, Timothy Crosley, Hector Martinez, Dave Brack, Ryan DiRamio, Don Hennick, Janice Holkup, Susan Larrance, Melanie Davies, Shayna Daitch; Elizabeth Dahl, *Aurora Commons* - guest speaker

I. Introductions

II. Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2018 - Approved

III. Guest Speaker(s) - Elizabeth Dahl, Executive Director of Aurora Commons

- History
 - Begun by neighbors to learn about other neighbors
 - 10 years ago
 - founders lived on Nesbit
 - Activities: Barbeque; established a community garden - share neighborhood resources, but needed indoor space
 - Current Commons was a coffee shop behind on rent
 - Wanted a comfortable, welcoming space, kitchen; got food from Food Bank
 - Folks learned how to give and share resources
 - Programs developed based on needs of people who walked into the Commons: shoes, clothes, socks, hygiene items, washer and dryer
- Services
 - Monday and Tuesday - 10-1 PM; have 2 community advocates especially for women
 - Mobile clinic that comes to site - five women getting off opioids in past few months.
 - Goal is to remove barriers so that people can prepare for next steps.
 - At the core is building relationships so that when people are ready they can access help.
 - Trust is at the core: women so traumatized that they can't reach out for services; mobile unit since July - filled every week
 - 260 sex workers served - anticipate up to 300
 - Increase in prostitution - 7-10 each month; now up to 30 each month
 - Due to end of summer months
 - Shut down of Back Page - "professional escorts" - went to the streets
 - Prostitution always leads to violence - don't support legalization
 - Women on Aurora are not financially viable
 - Before age of 10 is abused, 46% chance of drug use and sex trafficking
 - 14 year old - 200-300 unique requests
 - Motel room - \$2000 for "crappy," bug-infested room
 - Tiny House Village - not very many local women housed
 - Closing village - what's the impact on Aurora Commons?
 - Evergreen Treatment Services - *Reach* reaches out to people who don't want help
 - For every \$100 rise in rent, homelessness goes up 6%.

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IV. Discussion Items/Status Reports

- **ALUV Organization**
 - Board/Leadership team - Next meeting: October 25, 2018
 - Website calendar - nothing
 - Street Fund Grant - by the end of the year - art installation
- **OED - business meeting visioning**
 - Wanted work groups to carry grant work for N. Seattle (non-profit) - working on it
 - Fourth meeting went okay
 - Vision: cleanliness and safety, social support
 - How to support grant application
 - Epic Life will take the lead; need support of the people
 - Epic Life want to be part, but the businesses need to support the efforts
- **CM Mosquesda tour**
 - Rescheduled for October 12
 - Kevin - docent at the overpass; Lee driver; two staffers - one for CM Juarez; one for Mosqueda
- **Design Guidelines**
 - Geoff - some tweaking; then public outreach
- **Community Center**
 - Focus of Oct. 25th Board Meeting
- **Interim Controls**
 - City Council passed 8-0 - for the next 6 months
- **D5 Budget Meeting with CM Juarez and budget staff**
 - Went well - very informative; good information - learned a lot about the budget process
 - Q and A format worked
 - Community groups emailed questions
 - Explanation of budget process
 - Answered questions
 - Answered additional questions that came up during the meeting

D. **Past Meetings/Event Reports**

E. **New Business**

- Licton Springs Halloween event - 4:30-6:30 - open to all
- North Seattle Citizen Support Committee for North Seattle College - housing development on portion of campus
 - Concerns over wetlands, bridge - some restrictions
 - Space for 300 students
- Tim and Amanda hosted a movie event at Mineral Springs Park
 - Inflatable screens; pet contests
- Duwamish Tribe program - involved in Licton Springs Park

- Emma Whitecrow
- Tim update: medians too expensive for matching grants but can do something on light poles - utility or other kinds
- Melanie - City getting rid of play streets; reducing pavement to parks - budget reductions
- Shayna Daitch - District Director - CM Juarez's office
 - Working to secure more \$ for Aurora Commons
 - There are appointments to boards and commissions - 1000 positions
 - 40% have vacancies
 - City updates the vacancies
 - Transit vacancy closes tomorrow - no one has applied from D5

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:45 PM

Next meeting: November 8, 2018; Epic Life Church @ 7:00 PM