

Minutes of the  
PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE  
Thursday, May 26, 2016  
Council Chambers

Members: Chair Barb Knop, Jean Williams and Eliza Davis, Todd Rowley and Robin Risley

Excused: Jillayne Sorenson

Staff: Administrative Assistant Jennifer Barrett

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Knop called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

COMMUNITY GRANT PRESENTATIONS

**Cannon Beach Arts Association**

Lila Wickham, Jane Broomfield and Mary Bess Gloria

Wickham summarized Broomfield's experience and gave an update about the board, volunteers, and membership. Broomfield gave a history of the program, their mission and a description of the programs which funds are being sought. Jane noted in addition to funding the programs the awards will be used for seed funding for future grant applications, adding last years grant helped secure additional grants for funding. Gloria gave a description of the arts camp and the scholarships being offered. Broomfield noted the classes for the arts program have a higher enrollment this year than the same time last year. Broomfield read from a handout which is in the record copy.

**Cannon Beach Chorus**

John Bueller and Terrill Michelsen

Bueller gave a history of the chorus noting it has been an intricate part of the arts community in Cannon Beach. Bueller noted the membership draws people from Ocean Park to Tillamook and in between. Bueller described the expenses the chorus, adding an expenditure that increases is the music. John noted their rehearsal times and place, adding many of their new members are the children of the existing members. Michelsen explained how and why the music expenses has increased, a discussion ensued regarding the copyrights of music. The chorus has a wide range of ages, averaging in the 50-60's however there are high school and college students participating. Michelsen noted scholarships are offered to 4 high school, and the chorus has a Facebook page and website. The chorus is collaborating with the Cannon Beach Arts Association, and Bueller gave an overview of their concerts.

**Cannon Beach History Center**

Elaine Trucke

Trucke explained they are asking for funding to help with printing and shipping costs for publicity materials for their summer exhibit called From the Vault. Trucke described the exhibit noting several of the items on display including items from the historic female mail carrier and the head from the headless horseman which was a marketing concept in the 60's after the tsunami. Trucke noted the exhibit is very Cannon Beach. Items will be changed out every few months to keep people interested in the exhibit. The printing costs will be higher this year as they want to keep the interest as the exhibit will be consistently changing. Trucke noted they are building relationships with other historical societies and sharing items.

**Clatsop CASA**

Julia Mabry

Mabry explained they deal with abused and neglected children in our county. Mabry noted there is a high number

of substance abuse, neglect and poverty in the area, adding there is more abuse than what is reported. Currently CASA has 50 volunteers which is the highest number ever. Mabry gave an overview of the program and the work done by the volunteers. Mabry noted they are expanding their recruitment efforts in Seaside and Cannon Beach, adding there is no foster homes in the Cannon Beach. Mabry described a volunteers caseload and their training process.

### **Clatsop Community Action**

Elaine Bruce and Marlin Martin

Bruce and Martin asked for continuing funding of their programs and working on securing partnership with Seaside Providence Hospital for a south county outreach office which will allow them to assist with the clients at the hospital and transition them once home. Martin noted their program serves a wide audience delivering approximately 1.6 million pounds of food in Clatsop County, serve multiple pantries, food sites and backpack programs. They deliver prepackaged 5-10 pounds bags of food and each client that comes to the pantry leaves with approximately 10-20 pounds of fresh food adding people can come once a week. Their goal is to change the eating habits in the County. Martin planted their garden yesterday and is expecting 6,000 pounds of carrots this year. They often hear from seniors that they can't afford fresh fruits and vegetables, adding a lot of the seniors are also raising their grandchildren.

### **Clatsop Community College Foundation**

Nancy Wesson

Wesson gave a history of her and the program's background noting the importance of having a person on the ground in Cannon Beach to serve the area with english as a second language people. Wesson entered the program late last fall, were able to recruit 7 volunteers and re-group an Elk Creek class which consists of a core group of 5-6 in attendance. There is another group going that meets separately in Seaside with a group of approximately 12 men associated with the food service industry. Wesson noted the more you connect with the classes the more they bring their issues as they are able to connect them with a broader community and offers assistance. Wesson is asking for funding to continue and expand their program. The classes are winding down due to the season, however the students are very invested to continue classes. Clatsop Community College provides materials, and Wesson's involvement with CERT allowed emergency preparedness information to be provided to ESL residents.

### **Coaster Theatre**

Jenni Tronier and Patrick Lathrop

Tronier noted in 2017 the theater will celebrate it's 45th anniversary adding they've gathered testimony and quotes from the community which are included in the packet that was distributed and in the record file. Tronier added with the help from the grant the theater is hoping to inspire onstage and backstage volunteers with workshops. There has been a great response and the workshops help bring people who are interested but not sure how to proceed. Coaster has a kids camp and this last spring there was a scholarship offered for a Cannon Beach student who had never participated before. They summer camp the first two weeks in August will offer two scholarships for Cannon Beach kids. Lathrop noted the camps are growing with enrollment and involvement. Tronier added there are kids that involved in the regular productions as well and they are also moving into the technical aspects of the theatre as well. Tronier noted funds will be used for volunteer outreach and Coaster has been vital in the area and with the Grants help they will foster and cultivate actors and volunteers.

### **Healing Circle**

Georgina Jones

Jones explained the organization is dedicated to child survivors of sexual abuse. The children are able to come to a place where the playing field is level, all children have been through the same experiences which allows them to open up to bond and interact with kids who have similar situations. Participants of the program have returned to be on the board. Jones noted the model has allowed the children to ask and express what they need. Jones added this is a non traditional way of healing, noting art plays a large part. They like to take different cultures to embrace different things in terms of healing, bringing those different types of things to the camp not only exposes culture but also supports the healing process. There are volunteers but they'd like to be able to pay stipends for people coming in to offer additional resources.

## **Helping Hands**

Alan Evans

Evans presented the number of people served thru April 2016, and gave a brief overview of the program. Evans noted they serve two meals a day and provide healthcare assistance, provide a shower program and transportation. Evans noted 94% of people who they serve were getting out of jail when they began, now that number is down to less than 25% which means the face of homelessness is changing, with a large percentage of who they serve are single mothers and the elderly. Some changes in the last few years have been dramatic and will get worse before it gets better meaning the importance of what they provide is more critical than ever. The organization went live with their new database which gives a birds eye view and the obstacles of what people face to re-enter society. They hold onto people longer than before to fully assist their needs long term. They are looking at building a new facility in Seaside and acquiring a building in Astoria to provide more beds. While in the facility you are not allowed to drink or use marijuana and boundaries are set upfront. You have to follow certain rules in order to receive assistance. They test for a wide range of drugs including medications that are used to get off of opioids as none are allowed. They purchased the WWII naval command center in Tillamook and have been open for just over 3 months.

Mary Blake noted the benefits of Evans concept of behavioral change which started 15 years ago adding the people he has served has saved lives, family lives and community.

## **North Coast Food Web**

Merianne Myers

Myers gave an overview of the Food Web noting it was born in Cannon Beach and in 2009 the first FEAST (food education agriculture solutions together) was held. Their mission is to cultivate healthy communities through food and agriculture. In impact of the success can be seen in the fruit box project where they deliver fresh whole organic fruit to three high schools, Seaside, Warrantor and Astoria, every Monday during the school year. The program has been successful and more schools would like to participate. Myers added they hope to expand funding for this project. The program started because a school administrator experienced a similar project in Hood River as a way to facilitate uncomfortable conversations between kids and staff, which they uncovered a lot of the difficulties started with hunger. The schools who are sent to the office or kids who are hungry can stop by and pick up something to eat. In Astoria 200 or more come through the door to pick up something to eat and emotionally it assists the students in many forms. Myers read several testimonials from participants and schools. The project has a partnership with Astoria co-op who sells the fruit at cost and the schools often run out of food before Friday. Seaside Heights has requested to be in the program. There are donation jars at the co-op which goes director the fruit box and there are also other fundraisers however they are a ways off before they can add more fruit or additional schools. This program is staffed by volunteers, Davis suggested partnering with SEPRD.

Mary Blake added she is a board member and its one of the most exciting assignments noting the concept of using food to tackle some of the difficult situations with people is phenomenal concept.

## **Restoration House**

Mark Terranova

Terranova has been the director for 14 years. Restoration House a home in Seaside and the mission is to serve men who have been adjudicated in our county or coming out of psychiatric facility. The men in the program have a high rate of ER visits and they are looking to lower the ER visits, trying to figure out how it happens and do other things before the ER visit. Terranova describe the handout he distributed which is in the record file. The current population represents 178 year of prison time. When they come out of prison finding housing is an issue, they offer a place where they can settle in and work out treatment programs and services, they also provide medication management. The treatment team determines how long a person can stay. Terranova noted community safety is the boards number one goal. Their budget is very small, just under \$60,000 per year which is not much to serve that many men with that many issues. Terranova noted it's rewarding as they are one of the few organizations willing to take on this type of population adding he has been in the mental health profession his entire life. Terranova noted some of the conditions the residents must adhere to and how the program works with the criminal justice system.

## **Seaside Hall**

John Carter

Carter noted Seaside Hall is the yellow house in Seaside that is rented from the Episcopal church. It's a 70 year old building. This year they replaced all the water piping under the house, there is a sewer project that needs to be completed and the house needs painting. The house supports 12 step programs and supports 600-700 people per month. Meetings are held in the house, with 2-3 meetings a day 7 days a week. Carter gave an overview of the different meetings that are held. The house has been in their care for over 25 years and they have a good relationship with the church. Over the years they've replaced windows, furnace and fixed lighting issues. Veterans are also served at meetings as well as people from restoration house and helping hands.

## **Seaside High School CYBORG**

Mike Brown

Brown noted some of the first students on the team are just graduating from college with engineering degrees. With robotics competitions students have an opportunity for hands on science and math learning. They've opened the doors to any students in northwest Oregon who want to be on team, this year have 3 kids from Astoria on the team. Brown noted some of the activities the team does such as visiting a kindergarten. Students on the team can be involved in various aspects from the business side, website, PR, etc. The team participates in two district competitions. Brown gave an overview of expenses, adding he has volunteers to come and assist with the teams. The team is looking at underwater robots and this was the first year experimenting with flying robots. They usually have 25-30 students. Last year's budget was \$40,000 which is usual, and they received an \$18,000 grant from a trucking company. Knop asked if the program will continue when Brown retires, Brown responded he is retiring after 31 years at Seaside High School and they've hired a new person who will take over the robotics program adding this year there will be a salary for this position as he's been volunteering. In response to Davis's question, what percentage of team is young women, Brown replied usually 50%, however a little lower now, adding it's always a challenge to recruit people.

## **SEPRD**

Darren Gooch

Gooch noted the grant is for the after school program. The program started with 10 kids and last year they had approximately 20 registered, and this year up they are up to 30. Davis noted there has been over 30 every day. Gooch added it's growing as there is a need for after school programs. The idea of the program is to provide a quality safe place to be after school and it's an opportunity for adults to mentor. Darren has kids from the ROXX program who are still on his Facebook and asking for letters of recommendation, adding his opportunity for mentorship continues to this day. They had a 3 year grant, however it has expired, but with the success of the program SEPRD has budgeted for the program to continue. They are also reaching out to community businesses for donations and looking at revamping the snack program. The snack element is an important piece to the program as not all families can afford enough food. With the current USDA guidelines of the program they are looking at making a change this fall pushing toward healthy whole foods. Wants to help teach the kids what's healthy and the right way to eat.

## **South County Community Food Bank**

Mary Blake

Blake is a volunteer with the food pantry, and their mission is to provide nutritious emergency food for low income families. Blake had two handouts which are in the record file. There are 3,000 people who receive the SNAP program and the food pantry provides between 800-1200 people a month with an emergency food box. About 300 of this people are from the Cannon Beach area. Their 2,100 square foot building is visible on the highway in Seaside, is on a bus line and they have a relationship with cabs that will give a discount. Their building has a parking area, handicap access, a seating area in the building and provides a real shopping experience starting with fresh foods and vegetables. There are also personal items, clothes, cooking utensils and blankets as well. The building is long enough that they can receive food and break it down to smaller packages and a kitchen so they can receive and prep. They have dynamite managers that lead a corps of volunteers. There is a truck that picks up from Costco, Safeway and other stores and locations to pick up food. They are open 4

days per week, the budget is supported and there is no source on continual funding. They apply for grants and do partnerships. Blake gave an overview of the handout Seasonal Food Guide 2016 which is in the record copy adding it is available in both English and Spanish. Knop noted the South County collaborates nicely with the Cannon Beach Food Pantry.

### **The Harbor**

Melissa Van Horn

Van Horn gave an overview of the general services they offer noting The Harbor served 1,116 individuals last year. One of the programs is DSART, where they partner with local law enforcement, hospitals, and district attorneys office and they provide crisis intervention services right there. There has been an increase in calls, with nine from cannon beach, three being in the last month. This is not indicative of an increase in domestic violence or sexual assault in the area, however a increase in awareness and use of their services being offered. The programs applies for and receives grants and community funds from multiple areas, however they are not eligible to reapply for one of the large grants previously received until 2017 and therefore seeking funds from City's to help offset the costs. Last year they served 171 men which is a little more than 10% of the clientele. Van Horn has been in the position for 3.5 months.

### **Tolovana Arts Colony**

Andrew Tonry

Tonry gave an overview of the services the Arts Colony provides, noting they give back more of the proceeds to events and teachers adding they get 80% which is more than most galleries give. A discussion ensued regarding the remodel of the kitchen from a past grant. Tonry noted there were previous discussions regarding increasing membership and as of last week's event they now have 50 members with 13 business as well as a benefactor and other donations. They are considering doing three concerts in the park next summer, one in July, August and September 2017. Tonry noted he's working on bringing regional acts from Portland and Seattle, something that we don't see everyday. A discussion ensued regarding lodging of bands and event costs.

### **Wildlife Center**

Josh Saranpaa

Saranpaa gave an overview of the program, adding it's been here for 20 years. They specialize in seabirds and care for between 2,000-3,000 animals per year with approximately 1/3 of the animals coming from Cannon Beach. The board is active and meets once a month, is working on a business plan and they also have paid staff for the first time. They are involved in education and research, currently working with brown pelicans. Education is a big part of the program, hoping to have facility open to the public in the future. Working with HRAP to teach them how to safely capture sea birds and how to do triage. The grant is for general funds to redo three outdoor enclosures, and working on expanding raptor resources and education. There is a teacher that is working as the education coordinator and expanding and building new programs for the Center.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Numbers are due to Barrett by 5pm on June 13. Sorenson will listen to the recording as she was unable to attend the meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Knop adjourned the meeting at 12:06 PM

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Jennifer Barrett, Administrative Assistant