

Faith Community Committee Meeting

MINUTES

September 20, 2016

In Attendance

Anna Jacobsen, City of Pasadena; Anne Lansing, City of Pasadena; Dan Davidson; Rose City Church; David Kim, Fuller Seminary; Gary Talbert, Salvation Army; Gene Terpstra, Pasadena Presbyterian; Jhoana Hirasuna, Salvation Army; Keisha Hosea, Union Station Homeless Service; Mary Lou Langedyke, St. Elizabeth SVDP; Than Veltman, Lake Avenue Church

Introductions / Approval of Minutes

Members of the committee introduced themselves and the minutes from the August Faith Community meeting were read and approved.

- Affordable housing research – survey of businesses and second unit
- Homeless Count snapshot
- Religious Leaders Training – pushed back to October 25th
- Landlord outreach update
- Landscape with regards to the Housing First philosophy, survey was sent out, Bridging Pasadena – may join forces with Junior League, 362 organizations (70% vetted), new timeline TBD
- Service provider partnership – e.g. providing furniture or a list of Chaplains if there is an emergency whom they can call, this is something we will look at next year.
- Best way to connect individuals with CES is through Sieglinde at Union Station

Secretary Position

Presenter: Dan Davidson

Cory Page was serving as secretary and she has moved to the Midwest so we need a new secretary. Tara Ignont (Imagine LA) has offered to take on the position.

Homeless Count

Presenter: David Kim, Urban Initiatives

Once again this year we are asking the Faith Community Committee to help with finding volunteers. Last year we had over 120 volunteers. At the last meeting members of the committee were asked to go back to their communities to get an estimate for the number of volunteers. We have added one zone (16 to 17), groups of 2-3 people who go from 6-8am in the morning and 8-10 at night plus a 2-hour orientation (total time commitment of 6 hours)

Community Group	Estimated Number of Volunteers
Rose City Church	8 – 10 volunteers (including youth count)
Salvation Army	3 – 5 volunteers
First Nazarene	Unknown
Pasadena Presbyterian Church	2 (+) volunteers
Elizabeth House	Unknown, possibly 2
Lake Ave Church	20
St. Vincent De Paul, W. San Gabriel Council	Will share info with the group and ask for volunteers
Friends in Deed	Unknown
City of Pasadena	10 volunteers
Fuller Seminary	15 – 20 volunteers

Action Items:	Person Responsible:
Connect with CCC	Dan Davidson
Get information about Homeless Count by early October	David Kim

Landlord Outreach

Presenter: Anne Lansing

The City of Pasadena worked with UCLA's Anderson school of Management graduate students to develop a landlord outreach campaign as part of their senior thesis project for MBA. Part of the project was to make recommendations for next steps which included making sure the Pasadena Housing Department has a presence at the Landlord Event.

The videos the students created are good openers with landlords interested in rental assistance. Same rules and benefits apply (stability as far as renters):

- [Landlord Section 8 Video](#)
- [Tenant Section 8 Video](#)

How the FCC can Help

Church bulletins and emails. Once you have a landlord, contact Anne Lansing who will help to put them in touch with Sandy Latty, the contact person for landlords. The City has CoC Rental Assistance Vouchers that are targeted to homeless but landlords don't really understand or need to know the difference.

Religious Leaders Training

Presenter: Than Veltman

Sofia, Dan, Than, Michael Watkins, Cory Marquez are coordinating a religious leaders training. The training will be broad in terms of what churches are doing and how that works in collaboration with the City of Pasadena. Topics of discussion will include what to do when there is someone who is homeless (call 2-1-1, CES Rep), resources in community, explaining the FCC vision and Pasadena Partnership vision. The committee will be inviting city council reps.

The intent is that this training will be a springboard for future homeless workshops. At the end of the training a pledge card will be passed out with items such as volunteering for the homeless count, attending the FCC, and various other opportunities to end homelessness included in it.

Training will be at Lake Avenue Church (skyroom), Tuesday, October 25th 6-8pm, dinner will be provided. Hoping to get around 70 people.

Announcements & Other Items

Homeless Connect Day

Tuesday, October 11, 10am-2pm at the Salvation Army

- Have had ~240 participants in the last few years
- Services available include flu shots, hearing testing, legal advice, haircuts, pet therapy, health education, vision testing, citation clinic, free lunch

Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 18 at 9 :00 am