

Faith Community Committee Meeting

MINUTES

October 17, 2017

In Attendance

Anna Jacobsen, City of Pasadena; Anne Lansing, City of Pasadena; Autumn North, Salvation Army Intern; Colton Curry, Grace Pasadena Church; Dan Davidson, Rose City Church; Gary Talbert, Salvation Army; Jen Argue, Grace Pasadena; Jill Shook, IMA, Family Promise; Jhoana Hirasuna, Salvation Army; Myra Booker, Human Services Commission; Rosalie Niemann, First United Methodist Church Pasadena; Sofia Herrera, Urban Initiatives; Terry Bright, Elizabeth House; Than Veltman, Lake Avenue Church.

Introductions / Approval of Minutes

Members of the committee introduced themselves. Minutes from the September Faith Community meeting were read and approved. Motion to approve minutes was made by Than Veltman and second by Sophia Herrera.

Review of FCC Mission Purpose

Presenter: Dan Davidson

- Mission statement was reviewed in order to remind us what the mission of the FCC is and keep us on track
- The FCC remains committed to learn about and support evidence-based and best practices to prevent and end homelessness in Pasadena
- Meeting monthly to align with what the City of Pasadena is doing to end homelessness
- The role of the faith based communities is to help be part of the solution to end homelessness
- FCC to set the example of religious organizations working with civic government, a model that can and should be used in other cities
- Mission statement is posted on Pasadena Partnership website and will be added to the Tool Kit
- We want to recruit other faith based organizations to join our committee, all new members are welcome

Action Items:

Connect First United Methodist Church and Christian Science with Play House District and Union Station

Person Responsible

Sofia Herrera

Success Stories

Presenter: Dan Davidson

- Anne shared the City of Pasadena is working with homeless outreach team, HOPE Team, and Public Works. Outreach team went out to encampment prior to it being cleared. Kathern was one of the individuals who agreed to enter a shelter. After several months, she was paired with housing and on September 24th after 15 years of homelessness she was housed at Navarro House.
- Sophia shared about No More Homeless Women's Lunch of Compassion at All Saints Church on Sunday October 15th. Approximately 120 people attended and there was a lot of interest in the women homelessness.
- Homeless Connect Day was held on October 10, 2017 at the Salvation Army Pasadena and it was once again a great success. There were 235 participants, 140 volunteers, 45 service providers, 700 meals were served, 70 flu shots, 33 DMV IDs, 75 haircuts, 100+ reading glasses given out, and many more services were provided.
- FCC expressed interest in supporting next year's Homeless Connect Day by finding resources and service providers to attend the event.
- Dan shared that Rosebud Coffee that officially opened on October 9th and has hired its first formally homeless staff. They will have a formal grand opening on November 3rd.

Toolkit Updates	Dan Davidson
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anna reported about the changes made to the Tool Kit: Friends in Deed eligibility criteria has been updated • A glossary has been added to the Tool Kit to • Updated tool Kit will be posted on the Pasadena Partnership website • Casa Maria is now a shelter for men, which will be updated on the Tool Kit • Colton has taken the lead of the Tool Kit Sub Committee and they will continue to work on ideas on how to share the Tool Kit • Terry shared that Elizabeth House is willing and able to provide printed copies of the Tool Kit as not everyone can or will go to the website • Colton has asked for new FCC members to join the sub committee • Anne suggested that more outreach be done to diversify the FCC, such as Catholic churches, churches of color, and non-Christian faith based organizations • Dan suggested to outreach to LA Voice and the Clergy Community Coalition (CCC) as a source for new FCC members • Need to identify "influencers" in the faith base community, invite them to the FCC and plug them into a committee 	
Action Items:	Person Responsible

Sub Committee Updates	Than Veltman
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Than reported on the Homeless Prevention Sub Committee: identify homeless prevention resources, research other resources available for homeless prevention, and generating ideas on how faith based organizations can connect with group C • Than will try and connect with Friends in Deed, Foothill Unity Center, and Paz Naz to have a representative on the committee 	
Action Items:	Person Responsible
Reach out to Paz Naz to join the FCC Homeless Prevention Sub Committee	Sofia Herrera & Than Veltman

FCC Member Follow up	Presenter: Dan Davidson
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are many members of the FCC who have not attended meetings lately • A list is kept of all who have attended FCC meetings in the past 	
Action Items:	Person Responsible
Follow up with members who have not attended FCC meeting lately	Dan Davidson & Terry Bright

Homeless Count

Presenter: Sofia Herrera

- The homeless count will be done on the evening of January 23rd from 8-10pm and the morning of January 24th from 6-8am
- Orientations will be on January 17 & 18 from 5-9:30pm (must attend one of the orientations)
- Must commit to 2 hours of orientation and 4 hours of counting

Action Items:	Person Responsible
Find volunteers for homeless count	All FCC members

Announcements & Other Items

- If you support the building of more accessory dwelling units (ADU) and low-cost loans to build back houses come provide your written comments at a sponsored public workshop held at Jackie Robinson Center on October 17th 6-8pm or Pasadena Senior Center October 19th 6-8pm
- One-Day Housing Justice Institute led by Jill Shook planning meeting on Friday October 20th at Rosebud Coffee 12:30pm
- As of December 11th, Anne Lansing will become the City of Pasadena Housing Assistance Officer
- Crop Walk on October 29th go to cropwalkhunger.org for more information
- Rosebud Coffee's grand opening will be on November 3rd at 5pm. Will have live music and food trucks

Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 9:00 am