

## **Sunnyside Community House-Good Neighbor Agreement-Session 1**

**January 08, 2019**

**Present: Lorraine Henriques, Sandy Lofy, Sean Watkins, John Mayer, Mary Bush, Dave Boush, Trev Howard, Matt Lembo, K.C. Hoffert, Julia Peattie, Ed Wilgus, David Straub, Mike Frohn, Pat Schweibert**

**Meeting came to order at 6:35PM**

**Matt Lembo, who is facilitating this meeting, reviewed the Rules of Engagement-these guidelines were shared by SEUL. Action: In order to participate in this discussion everyone must indicate their agreement to follow these rules. Every participant agreed by a show of hands.**

**Introductions were made.**

**Sean made a motion to skip regular committee business and proceed to the GNA session.**

**John Mayer introduced himself as the Executive Director and gave a brief overview of history of the building, and shared the mission and current Operations of the Sunnyside Community House(SCH) including services provided, groups using the space, hours of operation and staffing.**

**In 2015, the Church congregation voted to disband and the ownership of the building went to the Methodist Conference. Operations included Renting upstairs spaces, and the Hard Times Supper, which has operated for 30+ years.**

**John was hired in 2018 to be the Executive Director and works 20 hours/week. A Janitor works 25 hours/weekly as well. A mission statement was adopted, as bylaws. The SCH was filed as a 501c3, which is official with the State of Oregon, although final paperwork is pending for IRS registration.**

**2 months ago, Jess Spielman was hired to be pastor of the church on site. John is working on forming an organizational structure for the SCH.**

**John reported that there are several Operations on site-amongst these are:**

**4 theatre companies, meeting space for 3 dance/movement organizations, basketball-6 different groups from 3<sup>rd</sup> graders-older men, Rentals for community events, Youth Music Group-“My Voice Music” for kids in foster care, hygiene and warming center services such as showers, laundry, rest places, books, computers, food, clothing closet. The Hard Times Supper is in the lower level on Wednesday evenings.**

**Question arose-what is the Church and what activities happen at the church? Answer is that currently there are no services. Income generated at the SCH goes to the Methodist Conference, who in turn pay Operating expenses such as heat, water, electricity. Although the SCH would seem to be self-**

sustaining, there are many things that require more funds, such as new appliances, building updates, and others.

The Methodist Conference owns the 2 houses adjacent to the SCH. 2 people currently live in 1 of the houses.

Matt reviewed the GNA process. The Safety and Livability Committee will act as a larger sounding board for agreement and stakeholders. A smaller group would be drafting the GNA language, and would meet every other week. A general goal for completion of the GNA draft is April. Members who are interested in this would commit to responding to emails that circulate pertaining to the GNA draft process.

Matt reviewed the Goals of the GNA:

Identify Stakeholders-examples of likely stakeholders: Sunnyside Neighborhood Association, SCH, Sunnyside Environmental School, Portland Parks and Rec, “peeps” (clarification of this please), BABA, HABA, etc.

Question: How to community members know about this? Meetings will be posted in Sunnysideportland.org and the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association Newsletter, and word of mouth.

Core Principles were discussed as important to established-Matt asked all participants to do some “homework” : Come up with Core Principles a good GNA would include. Confirm interest for Sub-Committee Members, look for existing GNA’s. Come up with Goals that you think would be important in the GNA.

Next Meeting will be February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Meetings will be every 1st Tuesday of the month.

Meeting adjourned at 8PM.

Minutes submitted by L. Henriques