



Meeting Minutes August 3, 2022

Introductions and Welcome

Marco Newsom - Weekend & Evening Services – Off-Hours support: It Doesn't Take a Holiday programming. Rebuilding Together East Bay North Charter for program being developed. Waiting for response from Rebuilding Together then will approach city after talking to Trinity.

Communications: Lisa 7/26 Summer Forum Recap: Went very well! 53 in audience and 17 in the room 30 on zoom 6 watching. Perhaps do another one this winter, perhaps in person. Lots of good questions and offers of help. Perhaps make it easier to access link to event for the procrastinators in the crowd. Next time, we should include a thank you slide at the end of the program.

The recording is now up on the city's YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gs5SuYNUxRU>

Housing & Shelter Update: Donna

Housing Element – Housing is a task force priority and this is a great opportunity to make sure the city's housing element includes all the things that the task force would like to see in housing and homeless services. It will be before the City Council on Sept 20th and anyone with any input should plan on sending in comments. Jan, Mary, and Donna will collaborate on input and anyone who has ideas they'd like to be included should send to them.

Visit the website: [Housing Element Update | City of Walnut Creek \(walnut-creek.org\)](https://www.walnutcreek.org/housing-element-update)

Hope Village at Grace Presbyterian

Delays in the application have slowed down the process. But they are building a model that can hopefully be replicated once we make it through. AB 2162 is a new state law that would allow staff level approval of the project and so they are trying to use that process. They are hoping to submit in August and construction in January. Construction should take about 40 days. Sherluna and Erika has met with Hope Solutions and the city is discussing funding assistance.

Trinity Center Updates: Leslie Gleason - Matt Francois and Erika both got tours of Trinity Center. Still seeing lots of clients and getting ready for the winter shelter. Volunteers are going to be recognized in Lafayette. <https://rotarylafayette.org/event-directory/> There are new challenges with behavior going on so they are seeing escalated behavior where traditional approaches don't work. They've been promoting 988 as a way to get help and sometimes have to turn folks away. They are training up staff on de-escalation to keep them safe and have done active shooter training just in case. Good news is they have had some clients find jobs and housing.

County updates: Jaime Jennet - Annual report coming out with all the data for 2021. HUD funding notification has also just come out with short time line. Homeless Awareness month is in November. The City might want to do a companion event in November. Seats on the council on homelessness are coming open shortly so if you are interested, watch for the newsletter which



will tell how to apply.

Walnut Creek Downtown:

- Kickoff for [Arts Around August](#) program (monthlong celebration of the arts). [WC First Wednesday](#) tonight on Cypress St. from 5:30-9pm.
- Continuing to work with the City on the Downtown NEXT/outdoor dining program – more details will be shared with Council in the Fall.
- Working with PD on shared surveillance program between downtown businesses & PD for crime photos/videos

Whole Foods looking for organizations that need help with projects. Their employee volunteer initiative runs Sept 10-13: employees to volunteer to assist the homeless community. Please contact Melody Mestemacher
Store Team Leader, WFM – Ygnacio Valley Rd, Walnut Creek –
925-269-9010 at the store
415-867-1099 on my cell

Next Meeting: September 7, 2022

Links Jaime shared for recent training sent out by the COC

Training: Serious Mental Illness and Homelessness- https://hhctraining.org/training-courses/training-course/3999/SMI-homelessness?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Learn%20More%20and%20Begin%20the%20Course&utm_campaign=UA-179397308-1

Webinar:

https://prainc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QbVs5JmmQzuECUhGxpaTkg?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Register%20for%20the%20Webinar&utm_campaign=UA-179397308-1