

Code & Quality of Life Meeting Minutes for January 11, 2018

Attendees

Councilwoman Yvonne Clayton; Norman Robertson; Melanie Chongolola-Nestor; Kareen Kircher; Rita Williams; Ellie Kaymakcian; Rob McKeon;

Welcome & Introductions

All known to one another.

Approval of Minutes

Rob made a motion to accept, Kareen seconded, and all approved of the minutes.

2018 Officers

- Yvonne opened the nomination for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary
- Rob nominated Rita, Eileen seconded, and all approved her as chair.
- Rita nominated Melanie, Ellen seconded, and all approved her as vice-chair.
- Yvonne nominated Kareen, Rob seconded, and all approved her as secretary.
- Rob proposed CQOL letterhead, to include officer names; Yvonne will request from city communications director

Coat Giveaway 1/13/18 at Transportation Center

- To Rob's question about what is needed, Yvonne indicated volunteers are needed to sort men, women and children clothing. Eileen suggested the approach used by another organization who has done clothing drives.
- Yvonne requested recommendations for organizations that would receive any left over items. Suggestions included Habitat for Humanity, First United Methodist Church's Blessed Boutique, Deliverance Temple (has program for women experiencing homelessness and more).

International Day Luncheon, 3/11/18 @ Senior Center 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

- Rob will confirm senior center reservation with Michael.
- Yvonne will seek funding from Michael so that restaurants don't have to donate the food. Eileen and Rob commented that those establishments are routinely asked to sponsor; we need to make it easy for them to say yes, particularly since this is the first event of its type.
- Rita suggested a common spreadsheet, and Melanie suggests Google Docs
- Eileen suggested ads via The Coaster ; Yvonne volunteered her number for ads.
- Melanie suggests that food prices be no more than \$5. Rita says vendors can offer tasting bites to keep prices down.
- Yvonne says our communication would have to be approved by the council. Norman will start the draft letter and disseminate for further review.
- Entertainment ideas: Art music and dance; games to force people to move from table to table; door prizes; collect secret word from each vendor; invite ethnic stores to sell music or art from their home country.

- The longer the event is, the more food and entertainment we will need
- Restaurants - Melanie will start the spreadsheet and email the link.

2018 Plans

- Rita reminded Rob that we would like to shadow code inspectors to learn more about the process & problems. Rob says there are 4 quadrants that code officers visit 2 days a week. Inspections are done in the morning and paperwork in the afternoon. Rob will arrange and get back to us.
- Kareen suggested Haitian Flag day on May 19th as an event which needs help for attracting a more diverse crowd and additional sponsors.
- Melanie said for Spring Cleanup Day, we could do a before/after photo contest. Eileen said when the chamber did contests before, they asked people to submit it to the coaster. Date is Saturday April 21st
- Healthy Cornerstone Initiative event hosted by Mayor at a pharmacy
- February 24 from 10-4 women's event. Topic is healthcare, equal pay, sexual violence and getting women elected in Office. Location is Paramount and cost is \$10, but free for students and military. Go online to find Asbury Park Women's Conference. Yvonne and Amy are co-chairing.
- Add Cindy Dye to mailing list and send her the current and past minutes.

Redevelopment Informational Meeting

- A public meeting will be held on January 27th at St. Stephen's Church. 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. People can come to learn what will be required to qualify.
- There will be credit counselors, and bank lenders to advise what folks need to do to be ready when the time comes.
- They will also talk about expungement, as a criminal record could be an obstacle.
 - Renaissance Project
 - Boston Way
 - Turf Club Project (Interfaith Neighbors)
 - Asbury Park Housing Authority (Greg Hopson);

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 2/7/18, not Wednesday

Important Dates

- 1/13/18: Coat Giveaway at Transportation Center
- 1/24/18: International Day Luncheon team to plan at Johnny Mac's at 5PM
- 1/27/18: Real Estate purchase and rental Info Session at St. Stephen's Church 11AM to 2PM
- 2/24/18 Women's Event at Paramount
- 3/11/18 International Day Luncheon
- 4/19/18 Mayor's Rodeo is \$85 at the Stone Pony
- 4/21/18 Spring Cleanup Day