

Hillsdale Community Foundation
Mission Rewrite Meeting
June 7, 2021
Video conference call

Directors Present: Amy Houchen (vice-chair), Eamon Molloy (secretary), Dick Hausken (treasurer), Dave Hawkins, Jennifer Bonas, Spencer French
Directors Emeriti present: Anne Prescott, Michael Reunert, Rick Seifert

Meeting called to order at 7:15pm

Amy read the current mission statement approved in September 2018:

The Hillsdale Community Foundation's mission is to strengthen and support the greater Hillsdale community by initiating and nurturing educational, informative, aesthetic, environmental and artistic programs and projects for the purpose of community building. The Foundation raises funds to support its mission.

There was some confusion because the web site has a more succinct statement:

The Hillsdale Community Foundation organizes, funds and promotes events that build stronger community in our Portland, Oregon, neighborhood. We welcome you to volunteer with us and join in our efforts to make Hillsdale an even friendlier, more accessible and inclusive place to live.

And the preface to the bylaws has as its statement of purpose:

The purpose of the Hillsdale Community Foundation (HCF) is the betterment of the Hillsdale community and the fostering of a sense of community among Hillsdale's many diverse groups.

When the statement was drafted and approved in 2018, the board had decided to use events and activities as a way to bring people out and build community. The foundation in the past year has sponsored a fundraising campaign for Neighborhood House and served as fiscal sponsor for the Hillsdale Farmers Market.

There was an active discussion of Hillsdale Assistance Team (HAT). HAT is not trying to replace social service providers but to support (in some way) Hillsdale residents, housed and unhoused.

The question is: What are we trying to achieve? There is a shift towards different activities including helping organizations raise funds to support the community.

There is general agreement that events are important and build awareness. Funding concerts at the Hillsdale Food Cart Park is a way to bring people into Hillsdale and to promote HCF. Dave pointed out that HCF can do things that other groups cannot do.

There was general agreement that board members should review the three statements and synthesize a mission statement incorporating the new activities.

Dick made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dave seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm..