

Hillsdale Community Foundation
Regular Board Meeting
October 26, 2020
Zoom conference call

Directors Present: Anne Prescott (chair), Amy Houchen (vice-chair), Eamon Molloy (secretary), Dick Hausken (treasurer), Robin Jensen, Lara Jones, Dave Hawkins

Directors Absent: Spencer French

Directors Emeriti present: Rick Seifert, Michael Roach

Guest: Liz Safran Neighborhood Emergency Teams (NET)

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

NET Presentation

Liz Safran presented an overview of NET. Most residents think of NET as a group dealing with the aftermath of a big earthquake. The organization helps deal with any major disaster by helping build community relationships. NET wants to support organizations and individuals that are community connected and develop a network of resilient communities. Liz used the Pearl District COVID response as an example. The response spread virally within the neighborhood and ultimately 35 of 70 apartment buildings were participating. The groups also worked with 7 low income buildings to insure the residents had masks.

NET is offering to help build a similar network in Portland. First step is to find out who is interested and build from there. Robin will post on Next Door and research block and neighborhood groups already in existence.

Avenue Banners

Mike Roach gave an overview of the banner history. The banners were put up as a Main Street activity. There are 4 banners still up in the shopping district with hardware for 2 additional banners still functional. The board agreed to remove and repair damaged banners until the end of the permit year (June 2021).

September 29 2020 Minutes Corrections

Amy reported on a second solar group, Solar Coop, as well. Language should be changed to make this point more clear. Robin moved to approve the minutes with corrections. Amy seconded the motion. Minutes with corrections unanimously approved.

Treasurer Report

Dick presented the financial report. He met with the insurance broker. The liability insurance included coverage for the old Main St office. It has been removed and should lower the payment. The insurance expense currently showing on the income statement is for the Director & Officers policy.

Garden Update

There weren't too many plant donations but several people wish to donate money for plant purchase. Net cost for the planting event should be close to zero. Planting days are October 31st 10am-12pm and November 1st 1pm-3pm.

Solar Update

No response from SW Connection or Hillsdale News about promoting a Zoom meeting for Solar project. Amy rescheduled the Oregon Shines and Solar Co-op webinars to December.

Friends of Hopewell House

Rick read the draft support letter. He explained that Friends will need \$3-\$5 million to purchase the facility and need approximately \$1.5 million annually to operate based on operating losses. However, Friends did find a potential cost savings of \$500,000 when reviewing the financials. The Medford hospice contracts with two local hospitals. Friends will contact local hospitals to explore the possibility in Portland. Eamon moved to approve the support letter. Robin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Recruitment

Several directors are terming off. Lara will make up a social media post to recruit new directors.

Hillsdale Farmers Market Fundraising Request

Dick is not certain about the viability. Lara will ask a former IRS auditor to help.

The next board meeting will be Monday November 23, 2020 at 7pm.

Amy moved to adjourn the meeting, Robin seconded. The meeting ended at 9:00pm.