

# FCA Meeting Agenda

MARCH 9, 2022 | 6PM | VIA ZOOM

Meeting called by	Lisa McOmber	Attendees All Community Members:
Type of meeting	Monthly FCA Meeting	Please read
Facilitator	Lisa McOmber	Please bring
Note taker	Kandi Camacho	
Timekeeper	Kandi Camacho	

## Agenda Items

Topic	Presenter	Time allotted
<input type="checkbox"/> Intro new members	Lisa	5min
<input type="checkbox"/> Acceptance of previous minutes	Lisa	2min
<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary Updates	Kandi	5 min
<input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer Updates	Dawna	10 min
<input type="checkbox"/> Website Updates	N/A	0
<input type="checkbox"/> Project Updates (CVPR and Communication HUB)	[Presenter]	[Time]
<input type="checkbox"/> Funding Requests (Vote)	Lisa	10 min
Board Development Update (Vote)	Lisa	10 min
Emergency Meeting Update (Vote)	Lisa	30 min
Community Events (Vote)	Lisa	15 min
Other items	Open	If time allows

## Other Information

**Next Meeting** April 13, 2022 @ 6pm

In Attendance:

Kandi Camacho, Lisa McOmber, Dawna Drum, Carl McDaniel, April B, Cat Seih, Aly Robinson, Joni Hensley, Scott Wallace, Shorty Bjornstad, Jessica Bee, Kristi Sletti, Rochelle Hollowell, Ivy Little, Doug Chadwick, Bill Elfo, Jessica Mansfield, Jayson Loreen, Sam Norris, Art King

Meeting called to order at: 6:03

### New Members:

Jessica Mansfield new member and would also like to be on board was introduced. She used to work at Kendall Elementary.

She grew up in community, knows community very well. Worked for school district for 8 years. Involved and wants to help with community. Helps with community watch as well.

Visitor- Cat Sieh of Twin Sisters Markets

April Barker - interim for Wa'lynn Klein

Arthur King – community member new to group

### **Acceptance of previous minutes**

Kandi motioned, Carl Second, Accepted

### **Secretary Updates**

No Updates

### **Treasurer Updates**

No updates, no funds needed to transfer, Funds from MBF have been deposited and available

MBF Annual report submitted and received Lisa announced, will come in PDF format and available via website

### **Website Updates**

N/A

### **Project Updates**

\_CVPR (Park Status - funded by FCA)

Jessica Presented updates, Property has been purchased for CVPR at 7916 Sante Fe, will start comprehensive plan for community input for what they would like to see there. Next meeting is tomorrow at 6pm, Can find info on website and FCA website.

Question- what type of park? Community feedback online has been a dog park as well. Will have to be community input as this is the requirement.

No other questions.

- Communication HUB (Upcoming Newspaper - funded by FCA)

Carl presented updates: meeting held today looking for date for interviews for editor. Looking at first week in April for interviews. Tyler Byrd is willing to do an in-kind website to get CH started via Redrock. He will write the website. On Schedule at this point to start May 2022. Moving forward.

Good candidates for editor position.

No Community Questions

### **Funding Requests**

Twin Sisters (Cat Seih)

Received last week request,

Lisa gave a recap of funding request. Amount requested \$10k for produce reimbursement to market, advertising and printing cost/. Received \$5k from a local private donor.

Cat gave overview

Jessica Bee recommended that she apply for funding. 3 market locations, IGA corner, North Fork Library, Birchwood Neighborhood market (Bellingham). All markets operate in "food Deserts" Birchwood the most sales currently.

Wants to support living wage to farmers who provide produce to markets to keep market operational.

Subsidize produce cost.

Consignment sale basis- farmer only gets paid for bundles that sell. Have lost farmers as not enough produce is sold. Already donating non sold produce to foodbanks (Primarily to Foothills). Goal this year is to switch to wholesale versus consignment sale model to help get farmers to bring more produce each week as this will be more financially viable to them.

### Questions:

If farmers bring more produce, people buy more produce? Yes, it is known as they pile high, watch it fly visual approach.

Is Birchwood conversation being included into the funding request? – Yes, it would as all farmers serve all locations. We don't donate a lot from Birchwood locations, most donations are made to Foothills.

What are outreach efforts to reach Community members.? Have a new marketing team to reach community members, newsletters, targeting FB posts by geography, school outreach, different language outreach

Signage to Kendall, improved aesthetic to wagon, sandwich board, postcard mailer last year (4 mailing routes)

What about all the rotten veggies that are at the foodbank there is too much overflow. I was told it is from the community farmers. Cat stated that they never intentionally send rotten food.

- 1) Farms getting food from, major beneficiary of the funds, are the East County? Some are East County, but all Whatcom Farmers. See website
- 2) Farms getting food from only distributing or commercially selling food- Yes have other market avenues for business. We don't think Farmers should be giving charity.
- 3) What is the average number of people getting served here? Annual report submitted shows number

What is the benefit to CV? This is going to improve the amount of healthy food for the area and so market does not go under.

Tabled for now as board would like to continue to discuss this topic and give Cat more time to discuss this.

Other questions, please write and email to FCA, forward presentation to FCA as well, so members can see this as well as the answers to vote on at next meeting.

Sam Norris, food bank director present, would like to have more information in regard to this request

Food bank very well set for fresh produce for summer

Is this in addition to twin sisters or with their donations

CTK gives a lot of our produce

Getting about 11K pounds through a grant out of Arizona. Getting very top notch produce from this grant already

## **Board Development Update**

One person interested in board position but has not been here at a meeting, we request for people to be here at least 3 meetings to see if good fit for board and goals.

Ivy Little verbally requested to be on board, please go to website and fill out the application for board position.

Any others interested? No other interest.

## **Funding request updates:**

Had set date for funding request submissions to be done at least 1 week prior to meeting, board has found that this has not been adequate time for board to review, collect additional information that is missing and ask questions.

Suggestion was made to change submitting deadline to be the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the meetings.

Motion made to change policy timeline for funding request to the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the meeting. vote obtained 5 of 5 in favor of this motion

## **Emergency Meeting Update**

We had an incident last month with our sheriffs, NWD and FCA and community were invited to an emergency meeting and at that meeting, we were able to decipher what the needs are in the community.

We asked WCSO to give us some ideas for ways to help them to continue to be safe in the community and what they could use to help save lives.

WCSO did a review in the dept. and came up with a list of items that would help them save a life or their own. WCSO came up with trauma kits, they gave us two quotes.

Chinook quote higher \$7K without bandage or tax included

North American quote was a little over \$5K with bandage and tax included. Reflected discount.

Membership has not heard since we met and wanted community to ask questions of WCSO any questions

Bill Elfo and Doug Chadwick present

Update on Officers given:

Both deputies able to go home that night or able to go get more medical treatment. Both getting good medical care and have positive outlook on recovery. Will take some time. WCSO and community outpouring has been overwhelming.

Bill Elfo, acknowledged the three citizens that stepped up to help the officers, WCSO does not have any information as this is still an active investigation. Citizens will be recognized.

Positions- still open for CV as staffing if VERY difficult.

Highest priority is to hopefully get Ryan and Jay back in the community. Currently no assigned deputy to CV

Bill gave commitment to continue to work hard on getting positions filled for CV.

Question to clarify was it Jay Thompson or Jayson Loreen. – Clarified that it was Jay Thompson

How is budgeting going for patrol? - Robust budget being submitted to county for increased staffing

Bill was invited to Town Hall Meeting for March 25<sup>th</sup> - Bill will not be in town but will ask undersheriff, Doug Chadwick to be present or have another deputy present.

Heard laws were reversed recently. Some legislative changes have been made with some of them being done immediately

Countywide crime has increased burglaries up 71% Rapes 500% (very small number overall) aggravated assaults 59% robberies 700% auto thefts up 115%

Question was asked about previous kits and if they had them previously, why not? Yes, they have them but need items or are expired, do have budget for office supplies but also must decide importance of funding.

Also working on repeaters for CV for better response for officers. Bill explained that the current communications system in the valley is antiquated, and needs replaced badly. The officers have a difficult time maintaining/making contact during emergency calls in this area and in the Diablo area of Whatcom County potential delaying responses to emergency situations.

Support was vocalized for trauma kits as if one kit was used to save a life, \$5K is well worth it.

Carl made motion to purchase trauma kits from North American rescue for the officers.

Kandi and Dawna Seconded motion

Board voted 5 of 5 in favor for trauma kits, no opposing votes.

Lisa will talk to Deb Slater about ordering and will talk with Kristi to make this happen.

Community member felt it was great that FCA was able to give this to them, but it would be great if community members would call the council members to put pressure on council for better funding for WCSO

It's important that as a community we stand behind our officers in support

We will also have a banner for community to sign, Christie Nielsen with the Boys and Girls Club will have it at the Kendall Elem. School for children/parents and staff to sign

### **Community Events**

FCA has reviewed the role they are playing in the community and currently we have been behind the scenes, we have decided that we want to have a more forward voice and be more involved hands on with a focus on building community and partnering with other outside organizations to fully provide opportunities for our residents.

April 16, we have decided to partner with the Kendall PTA to put together a spring fair with easter egg hunt along with other events during this time.

Rochelle had a conversation with library regarding book mobile, but this has not been confirmed yet.

Will have story time with children and possibly free books for people.

Games, vendor tables, photos, food trucks, fire dept. food drive, also looking into getting candy donated for event, also have a community member donating items for easter egg hunt.

WFCN does have a donation acknowledgment letter for donations.

FCA can do this for less than \$1k most likely.

Community member would like to have more ideas from FCA and would also like to have a table present and share info on health fair. Would like to have art bag table.

Budget and quotes obtained for Easter event, but not all-inclusive r/t candy, misc. items

Need about 4k eggs so each kid could get about 10 eggs, all kids to bring their own basket.

Golden egg for prizes or something similar.

Total cost so far is just under \$800 but does not include candy and table décor, does include field markers.

PTA has access to cones and such to help with field dividing.

Joni wanted to know about a donation table for Ukrainian situation happening now, Lisa yes, we can do this, hasn't been brought up yet.

Ukrainian support mental health at EWRRC.

Motion made for FCA to use up to \$1k for Easter egg hunt Carl Seconded the motion,

Rochelle countered with motion for \$1,200 for Easter egg event because of the increase in pricing currently 5 of 5 voted to approve for funding up to and not to exceed \$1200 for Easter event.

Kandi Camacho Real Estate has donated the backdrop and pictures for the event.

Lisa will donate prizes

Jessica will have OppCo donate jump ropes for prizes as well.

### **Other items**

#### **Sam Norris, Foothills Foodbank Director - Updates**

Satellite food bank at Harmony and final distribution will be Monday. Have only seen about 2-5 households take advantage of it. Now need to step back and redevelop. Harmony satellite closing Monday

2 pop up pantries from Lifeline in parking lot at EWRRC.

Looking to move satellite pantries to better serve community.

Currently serving about 150 HH on Tuesday distributions each pop up pantry is about 30 HH.

#### **Joni**

Health ministry's network holding foundations course April 9 through June 11 typically costs \$375 to take this. It is for people serving in the faith community already. They are offering a free scholarship to the East County.

Go to website for application at the Health Ministry website. [www.healthministrysnetwork.com](http://www.healthministrysnetwork.com)

Jessica Bee- Kids days of Spring during spring break, register online or call resource center.

Has been working with Rochelle to start senior Wednesdays.

Health fair coming up, May 21 needing volunteers register at website. Also register for a spot with family fun stuff going on.

Supervised play space and lunch available.

Mt Baker Coalition will be hosting town hall focusing on mental wellbeing and health for kids and families on May 25 from 4-8 at Kendall Elementary with dinner included.

Take back event April 30<sup>th</sup> at the North Fork Library 10am-2pm

Vaccine clinic at Resource Center through April still going on.

Would also like to have a table at the spring fair

Community member had stated about needing a Covid test went to resource center and was told to go elsewhere.

PCR tests not done at EWRRC

North fork Library 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary event in June

Strategic planning meeting on April 21 and 28 6-8pm public face to face or zoom option.

To decide what the community wants from OppCo guided by a third party

Other events welcome at resource center for any events.

Is there a date set for banners and officers?

Banner and cards will be picked up by Kandi tomorrow (April 10) this will be given to Christie N. (Boys and Girls Club) for children signing, once this is given back then we will set up sites for card signings.

Kristi will call them with cc tomorrow and will need receipt for this.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:55pm**