

FCA August 2023 AGENDA

Date | time 8/10/2023 5:00 PM | Location Zoom

Meeting called by Chair Lisa McOmber
Type of meeting Monthly Membership
Facilitator Lisa McOmber
Note taker Kandi Camacho
Timekeeper Kandi Camacho

Attendees All Community Invited
Please read
Please bring Notes, Questions, Ideas, Comments

Agenda Items

Topic	Presenter	Time allotted
<input type="checkbox"/> Introduction: New Members	Lisa	2 mins
<input type="checkbox"/> Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes	Lisa	5 min
<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary Updates	Kandi	5 min
<input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer Updates – nonprofit status, mass mailing w/ WFCN	Dawna	5 min
<input type="checkbox"/> Funding Requests	Lisa	2 min
<input type="checkbox"/> Project updates: (Parks, Comm Hub, Summerfest)	Rep from each.	5 min each
<input type="checkbox"/> Foothills Café	Lisa	35 min
- Location/Time/Date		
- Signage		
- Food		
- Budget		
- Layout/planning		
<input type="checkbox"/> Lynden Senior Center Updated	Lisa	5min
<input type="checkbox"/> Board Development Updated – bylaws amendments.	Board	15 min
<input type="checkbox"/> Upcoming FCA Events	Lisa	

Other Information

Next Meeting: @ 5pm location Kendall Elementary

Meeting started at 5:07pm

In attendance:

Kandi Camacho, Lisa McOmber, Dawna Drum, Carl McDaniel, Andrew Clark, Sara-Lyn Edmond, Richard Greenbaum, Sara Airoidi, Jessica Bee

Introduction: New Members

Andrew Clark: Lives on Frost rd. co0chair of Home Whatcom, working to prevent ranch quarry being permitted.

Sara-Lyn Edmond: Lives in the community, heard about us from Dawna the past year, wants to voice changes for what she wants in the community

Kathleen Greenbaum: Lives on Frost rd. participated when we were just beginning, saw that they were JUST outside of the UGA. Doing research and feels that we need to share info as the county has dropped some balls for the area.

Sara Airoidi: Lives in B'ham, program manager of roots of empathy- Elementary schools are interested in it. Found us by researching us.

Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes: Carl Made Motion, Dawna Seconded, All in favor 4 for in favor. Minutes accepted.

Secretary Updates: meeting minutes updated on the website, location being held at the school and this is the only meeting via zoom

Treasurer Updates:

nonprofit status: a mistake was made on how we filed nonprofit status, we received a letter of mistake that was made and how to correct that. Received another email that not corrected, Dawna called, and we were told that they are backed up and have 90 days to respond/review. Dawna waiting on the 90 days mark.

mass mailing w/ WFCN

Dawna had to use her own CC card to purchase gift cards for drawing. Dawna received a bank text of debit trying to go through for New York for \$1k and stopped that. And card ins frozen.

Lisa called and talked to gift card winners already.

Funding requests: no funding requests received to date.

Project updates:

Parks: Property through committee to get property attached to park, will be on next month agenda for approval. Bought fence for park and will be up this or next weekend and be fully fenced on lower section. Working on trial on top. Then start getting park equipment soon.

Comm Hub: now on final okay for website. Soon provider links will go out to update their spaces. Next meeting next week

Summerfest: post project report due in 30 days. General idea of how it went tonight. Went well, 2 bouncing houses, free food and great time. 331 kids signed up for kids' stuff. Estimating about 900-1,000 people through the event. A lot were Canadian as it was also a long weekend for them. Fire house had 4 people cooking 2 people serving and worked very well. Frank Cain was present for about 30 min. Car show new this year. Will be bigger next year; drawback is time of event.

Foothills Café

Announcement went out 2 months ago. FCA doing next world café.

Confirmation Location will be the Kendall Cafeteria, gym for food and one room for children to go. Details in works still. Need to think about custodial fees about \$150 since it is after normal hours.

Now locked down location time date

October 10th 4-8pm at Kendall school.

Need to have signage, SM and fliers. Have not discussed pricing no quotes obtained yet for food.

Another person has been helping but is not a member of the community. Has been great with ideas and helping this event along.

Looking for ideas for food and service,

Budget and layout and planning of the event.

Explained what the world café is about to new members. Food desert, no grocery stores, access to health care, unhoused, safe +spaces etcetera. Encouraged for volunteers to help with planning or being a part of the event.

Open floor for discussion.

- Question was asked about a mailer going out. _ this has not been discussed yet but may not do it as it did not seem beneficial last time.
- Jessica knows of mailers that go out and will pass on the info to the board/committee to see if we want to advertise this in the flier.
- Health reporter. Is an option, will know in the next month.
- Signage- may end up designing something for paper, posters. Wording "your voice matters" is great wording along with come share your thoughts and free food- Food for thoughts!
- Feedback from community members of hand painted signs being great and visible and done with love. (Rome Grange)
- Homeless population should have their voice heard. Lorelei has been here every Wed. we could tap into that letting them know their voice is important as well. Small handout put together to notify them.
- Print and handmade notices.
- Reader board.
- Communication Hubb
- Food/budget

Gunner TexMex BBQ talk to them about possibly promoting them as a local restaurant. Maybe have a combination of food items. How may to plan for.

Last one there was 85 but also ran out of parking.

Maybe plan for? Talk more for numbers and plan for

Ready-made food, not something that we are preparing.

Subway, Mykonos. Joes' coffee, Wake n bakery List will be made of possible food sources and quotes.

Budget- tables for now until further details/plans.

Layout/Planning- paper place mats, table placement. Placemats what we are what we are doing questions, place to write.

Tables would each have a specific question and then would be able to get up and move to another table/station.

One big white poster paper they write all the info on and then we gather that.

Thought about having a place for what we love about the community.

Discussed the feedback from the community survey that was filled out at Summerfest.

Member feedback about what we are doing well in the community, can we have that feedback showing at the world café.

Have stuff on the walls and fill out what we have good in the community.

Lynden Senior Center Updated

Jennifer Lautenbach reached out to us and asked if we would be willing to promote the Hovander Senior day event. Overall outcome from our community we had 6 people attend and overall, in WC, they had over 1100 people, but they didn't ask were everyone was from.

They will continue to include us in the future events. A community member knows at least 10 people from our community attended.

Board Development Updated

We have been talking as a board and have had many wonderful people want to be part of the board but are not from this area. (Live here) we are considering changing our rules and allow non community members sit on the board and be part of it. We are going to be talking about this more as a board and maybe a change happening here soon.

Open floor for discussion. No input from community.

There are a lot of things FCA board members work on behind the scenes before we present something to the community.

Another resource reached out asking for us to partner with them and it appears to be a great resource for our youth in the community but further information to be gathered.

Upcoming FCA Events

World café 10/10 4-8pm

Community clean up this Saturday 8/12 info on SM

The county has given us a dumpster, pickers and more to help community clean up. Members of the FCA, watch dogs, community members. This is done on a monthly bases.

Misc. items:

Sara-

Roots of Empathy program Manager. Bring babies to grade school classrooms for empathy training/teaching. Started this in B'ham and now in more schools. This helps with grade school bullying, mental and emotional well-being.

Sara explained this program to our members and how it is effective around the world via evidence-based research.

Mt baker SD wants it in all 3rd grade classrooms. Funding already provided. They need volunteers who want to be trained as instructors.

They also need parents who have babies (2-4 mo old). Reaching out to the community for participation.

Clarity of what she needed/wanted from FCA- Help with spreading the word, SM hanging posters. Any leads or thoughts on how she can be in the community hands on.

Please send info to the FCA email for sharing and more.

Kathleen and Andrew: Home Whatcom "homeowners opposing mining expansion.

Stop the Rock Quarry project:

Andrew provided the background of Home Whatcom

In April a request was made to have a 70-acre rock pit that is impactful to air quality, aquifers and traffic needing to be ran right through the UGA and Kendall area.

Finding shell companies and more. The immediate members feel it is going to be detrimental to the surrounding community and found that this project is going to be 100 plus years and finding multiple double loaded dump trucks running multiple times a day on our roads.

Permit application has been halted for now and review has been suspended temporarily. Requestor now needs to submit more documentation.

Now they are working to educate the community of what this is. Talking about full top mountain top removal to 50 feet below the ground.

What about the asbestos in the hills? County has submitted to the applicants to do extensive asbestos sampling.

If the asbestos gets into the water supply, that will leave more than 10K people without water. The community aquifer is only 30 feet deep. Leaving very good chance of asbestos or other contaminants getting into it or damaging our water supply.

When opening, crushing, blasting the rock, this will release the asbestos into the air and then there is no containing it.

What are you asking of the FCA?

New organization, in process of being a registered non-profit. They are seeking any financial assistance via donations, fundraising etcetera. They are a little over \$16k in legal fees and a bit more.

Website is homewhatcom.com

Form to comment directly to the county- Very important for the public commenting to the county planning department. (Whatcom county planning department) "conditional use permit" currently have no leg to get in front of county council and are only able to deal with staffers. They have hired a very good environmental attorney out of Seattle.

Fundraising event being planned for a few weeks on Frost Rd. Posters and fliers are printed up. Asking to piggyback off our mailing list to expand their reach.

Even though this is just "outside" of the UGA, we will still be impacted by the dust, debris and more.

Funding- there are policies for our funding, you can fill out the request form, but the money must show how it will benefit the UGA community of Kendall.

In lieu of funding, we could help with SM and posting.

They have also said they could help us with research such as we are just shy of qualifying for HEAL and getting the county to actually pay attention and provide services to our communities here.

We need to work together to have our voices heard and given what is best for our community.

County website for commenting

<https://www.whatcomcounty.us/4197/Ranch-Quarry-Mine>

rock quarry website: Homewhatcom.com

we will put this on the agenda for our next board meeting to see how we can help.

Jessica made some announcements for the resource center

See resource website for more information.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47pm