

September 3, 2014

Salinas Downtown Community Board

In attendance: Ruben Cortes, Jim Barnes, Don Reynolds, Eugene Biggay, Glorietta Rowland, Kathy Young, Cathy Chavez Miller, Chuck Creswell, Ann Houle, Van Gresham, Charles McCall, Larry Hirahara

Updates/Old Business

1. Still no response from City of Salinas to SDCB
2. Chuck Creswell gave update of hours that portable toilet is available.
3. Van raised questions regarding the servicing of the portable and asked about costs for servicing it. After discussion Jim said Jill will revisit the current hours of the portable and the hours may be adjusted at the next SCDB meeting. Jill was not present.
4. Don Reynolds gave an update on the Vibrancy Plan and how to connect with CHAT and how the volunteers lose numbers in the summer.
5. Jim Barnes asked all present to look over the Retreat Agenda items and asked who would lead the September 25, 2014, 9am-4pm retreat at Sun Street Center. Don suggested that the agenda be narrowed to '3' items for discussion: 1. Reduce encampment 2. Safety 3. Sanitation.

After several comments from the board and all in attendance, the details of the Retreat are:

- SDCB Board Members and invites are welcome to attend
 - There will be a rotating of leadership for the three agenda items;
 - a. Jill – encampment, Don-violence, Kathreen- Sanitation
 - 1pm-4pm Retreat, 2:30-2:45 Break, 3-3:30 wrap-up and commit to plan.
 - Kathrine- Taskforce to work with individuals, Officer Crabel to work with Homeless Coalition and City of Salinas.
6. Glorietta asked what proposals of solutions does SDCB have for the City Officials? Don offered information on an "end of open air drug market" solution. Ann Houle asked about the completion for resources for county homeless. Don suggested that the many of the City Dept. heads attend the retreat and gave an update on the re-use for Copacobana/Leon's, as the City leases it from the current owner for "police station, community services and a kind of base station and not a women's safe shelter.
 7. Rudy hopes that a mental health clinic could also be included. A discussion of Mid. Pen's future project in Chinatown was discussed.
 8. Don: 48 trucks were used to pick up trash during the last sweep costing \$3,000.
 9. Jim will check to see if the Housing Authority Office is available for a planning meeting, Weds., Sept. 10 from 1:30-2:30, and create a draft agenda for the retreat.
 10. A discussion followed after questions were asked on how to make big changes in the problems in Chinatown. Ann offered that it seemed like incremental steps seem to be positive in Chinatown ie..Where do we rank on these items? Drugs? How does that drive the other issues? When other City areas are swept, then homeless are driven to CT. Don shared examples of

success in other cities such as the City of Portland and how many community groups came together to solve their homeless problems. Salinas could use the partnerships of United Way, Dorothy's Place, Red Cross, Natividad Hospital and others to create a body of knowledge along with a Homeless Coordinator from the City of Salinas to solve some of the homeless problems in Salinas Chinatown.

11. Finally, Cathy Chavez Miller shared that Wellington Lee announced at the August 2014 ACE meeting that he was resigning immediately as co-chair of ACE to focus on writing his family's history.

Submitted by, Cathy Chavez Miller

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