



Community Health Committee Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2025, 4:00 PM
Sweet Home City Hall, 3225 Main Street
Sweet Home, OR 97386

Mission Statement

The City of Sweet Home will work to build an economically strong community with an efficient and effective local government that will provide infrastructure and essential services to the citizens we serve. As efficient stewards of the valuable assets available, we will be responsive to the community while planning and preparing for the future.

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Chair Kelsey Ann Wray
Committee Member Michael Grenz
Committee Member Wanda Jones
Committee Member Dick Knowles
Committee Member Shirley Schumacher

ABSENT

Vice Chair Bob Dalton
Committee Member Dr. Larry Horton

Approval of Minutes

- a) 2025-01-22 Community Health Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee Member Knowles moved to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2025 Community Health Committee minutes. Committee Member Schumacher seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: Wray, Grenz, Jones, Knowles, Schumacher
ABSENT: Dalton, Horton

Recognition of Visitors / Public Comment

- a) Council Liaison Introduction

Councilor Bronson introduced himself to the Committee. He stated that he was heavily involved in the Family Assistance and Resource Center with Committee Member Horton.

The Committee Members introduced themselves and described their interests related to health and healthcare.

Councilor Bronson described his involvement in various boards and community groups.

Old Business

a) Committee Goals

City Manager Pro Tem Pretty provided some goals sent by Committee Member Horton. She reminded the Committee that they had the opportunity to recommend goals to the City Council for the next fiscal year and noted that goals would best be aligned with the City's Vision Statement.

Discussion ensued regarding the potential goals submitted by Committee Member Horton. There was consensus that there may be overlap between some and they could be consolidated. There was consensus that community education regarding available services was needed.

Councilor Bronson recommended a focus on preventive care for lifelong health.

Chair Wray stated that she had communicated with Vice Chair Dalton and they recommended beginning with broad goals. She offered the following examples:

- Create a healthier community through education and expanded resources
- Foster growth and partnership amongst incoming and current healthcare partners

Committee Member Jones expressed support for adopting the broad goal of education and expanded resources with organization of a community health forum as a concrete goal.

Chair Wray expressed support for restarting healthcare partner presentation to the Committee in order to foster growth and partnership. She asked of the codified charge to the Committee to commit provide funding, volunteers, and/or support for any action improving community health resources directed by City Council vote. City Manager Pro Tem Pretty replied that the minimum expectation would be that Committee Member support any health-related action within the Sweet Home community if also supported by the Council.

There was consensus that the Committee would discuss goals they wished to forward to City Council after the first City Council goal-setting session on March 11th.

No action was taken for this item.

b) Notice to Area Churches

Chair Wray presented a letter she drafted which was reviewed by the City and then sent out to all the Sweet Home area congregations, churches, and pastors. She stated that she received one response to date from Hillside Fellowship noting that they may be able to offer short-term, temporary assistance with a heating or cooling shelter.

No action was required for this item.

c) Community Needs List

Chair Wray presented the final Sweet Home healthcare resource list to the Committee. She stated that she would make an effort to review and update the list quarterly. City Manager Pro Tem Pretty stated that the list could easily be updated once published to the City website.

The Committee expressed support for the list as presented.

No action was required for this item.

d) Annual Report Update

Chair Wray stated that she had begun compiling her presentation for City Council scheduled for March 25, 2025. She requested that a review of the presentation be placed on the next Committee agenda.

No action was required for this item.

Committee Business for the Good of the Order

Chair Wray asked if the Committee could be notified of health-related community events. City Manager Pro Tem Pretty stated that the City could share information if it was provided to staff. She added that the Committee was welcome to share information and events that they felt the City may be interested in advertising to the community.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:11 PM.

ATTEST:

Chair

City Manager – Ex Officio City Recorder

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