



Community Health Committee Meeting Minutes

November 19, 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
Vice Chair Bob Dalton
Committee Member Dr. Larry Horton
Committee Member Dick Knowles
Committee Member Wanda Jones
Committee Member Shirley Schumacher

ABSENT

Committee Member Michael Grenz

STAFF

Cecily Hope Pretty, Deputy City Manager
Adam Leisinger, Special Projects Manager

Approval of Minutes

- a) 2025-10-22 Community Health Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee Member Dalton moved to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2025 Community Health Committee meeting. Committee Member Horton seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Grenz

Recognition of Visitors / Public Comment

There were no visitors to be heard.

Old Business

- a) Park Communication Board

Deputy City Manager Pretty stated that \$375 had been raised to date and that there had been little traction through the GoFundMe. Vice Chair Dalton stated that he had reached out to local partners about the donation opportunity. Chair Wray suggested reaching out to the school district to share about the fundraising effort.

No action was required for this item.

b) Food Resources, Volunteering, Community Support

Vice Chair Dalton stated that he was supportive of asking for temporary rate reductions for non-profits and was currently working with community partners to explore options.

Discussion ensued regarding the difficulty in recruiting volunteers for local support organizations and the importance of involving younger generations in volunteer opportunities.

No action was required for this item.

c) Rotary Presentation (Committee Member Jones)

Committee Member Jones stated that Catherine Rupkus, Suicide Prevention Coordinator for Samaritan Health, would present at the Rotary Club on January 6th regarding internal suicide prevention at Samaritan as well as her work with the Tri-County Suicide Care Coalition.

No action was required for this item.

New Business

a) Green Peter Drawdown

Deputy City Manager Pretty stated that the current year's drawdown was underway but turbidity was not as severe as previous years so there were not yet impacts to the City's water system.

No action was required for this item.

Committee Business for the Good of the Order

Vice Chair Dalton challenged the Committee to examine root causes of community health issues and to examine their involvement to become a more effective Committee. He noted that there were more opportunities for community engagement and collaboration with other organizations and stakeholders.

Discussion ensued regarding challenges securing transportation to medical appointments and access to medical services.

December Meeting

There was consensus not to hold a Committee meeting in December.

Committee Member Schumacher stated that she attended the Informed and Ready training in Albany and noted that 17% of people did not have any plan in place in cases of emergency.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 PM.

Chair

ATTEST:

City Manager – Ex Officio City Recorder