

WELL CoCom Minutes of June 13, 2016

Attendees: CC members Kristin, Laura, Madge, Tim, and Paul; plus Kimbal.
Facilitator - Paul; Notes - Madge

1. Minutes of May 9 are approved.
2. **New Graphics person** for Newsletter: Holly referred & Sue Ellen has recommended Neil Richardson (newly returned to Willits after 12-13 years away). Madge will ask if any other members are qualified & interested. Otherwise, we agree Neil can collaborate on next issue with Sue Ellen, then take it on.
Madge will send email to gather articles; deadline approx. June 28.
3. **New Office:** Madge explains the proposal of 3 or 4 groups sharing space and rent at what is now WEC and would become "The Hub," a kind of justice, peace, environment, localization center. Advantages include visibility, convenience, homey space, potential synergy among groups. Concerns: Increase in rent from \$100 to \$150 (including utilities?); What other groups? Must have internet; Arranging schedules, Use of marquee, Decision-making; How long a commitment? We unanimously approve for a one year period subject to working out those concerns. (Madge will work with Ellen D.; final arrangements to be brought back to CC.)
4. **Tabling:** Kimbal & Madge tabled at Health Fair; gave out info to about 20, but no sign-ups. Will check with C of C about tabling at Hometown Celebration. Also ask Richard Y. to help. Include a blurb inviting members to volunteer & come by. Also will need to print a few more newsletters plus Tour flyers.
5. **Efficiency Tour:** Paul has firmed up participants, with an inspiring line-up, including Apperson Energy doing a 'blower test', which will dove-tail with REDI info on how people can get grants & funding. We can't convene carpools at the Church (due to AA meeting), but perhaps use the WEC/Hub – a good inaugural of our space there! Laura will check out DripWorks to see if we could have picnic lunch there. Paul will put the pieces of the puzzle together as to timing!
Laura will be point person for providing lunch, using our list of volunteer helpers. Madge will do PR, including posting on C of C site, a 'save the date' flyer for Hometown, & getting a poster designed (maybe Neil or Marilynn). Kimbal will put posters up.
6. **Elections:** Brief report (Yes on V, No on W) and discussion, especially how slow, and perhaps incomplete, the counting of ballots has been.
7. **Website Update:** Paul has tried, at length, to get the automatic format to update the events list on that tab & the home page without success. Will work with Tim. Also we need to up date newsletters (tech problem with format; hopefully new graphics person can help) and CoCom minutes (Madge will send them to Tim with consistent name system).
Madge & Laura will meet to update the WELL power point.
8. **Next meeting:** We forgot this, but need to resolve. Maybe July 25?
Laura's turn to facilitate.

CO-COM SUMMARIES

May 9, 2016

We decided to have a WELL table at the Healthy Family Fair, May 22, and at Hometown Celebration, June 23.

Plans for the Efficiency Tour are progressing well. We noted that the May 18th film at the Grange and a series of 5 upcoming workshops are also of interest for sustainable building.

The City Council recently approved priorities for the Revit- ED (Economic Development) committee: a) Sphere of Influence or other ways to address potential development at the Bypass interchanges; b) Signage on 101 at the interchanges; and c) Abatement of long-term commercial vacancies. It was also noted that Remco is on the Council agenda for May 11th.

Main St. planning has drawn impressive community participation, with a 'Sneak Preview' planned on May 19. Many WELL members are involved.

Volunteer work continues on updating the website, Facebook page, and a WELL power point. Other ideas to revisit: a 'First Friday' type event in Willits; local skills building.

June 13, 2016

We are sad that Sue Ellen Parkinson is resigning as newsletter graphics person, but have found an excellent replacement, Neil Richardson (who has recently returned to Willits after 13 years away), beginning this issue.

We discussed the possibility of moving our office to the Willits Environmental Center, which could become "The Hub" for several justice, environment, and localization groups. Several questions need to be addressed, but we unanimously approved the idea in concept, subject to working out concerns. Final arrangements to be brought back to CC.

The Efficiency Tour is firming up. See more information in this issue. We divvy tasks for PR, postering, lunch location and prep, etc.

We again address a few tech problems (being worked on) for updating the website.