

CO-COM MINUTES – May 8, 2017

Present: CoCom members Madge, Laura, Paul, and Lyn (Tim is in Costa Rica).
Facilitator, Lyn; Notes, Madge

1. Agenda is approved and minutes of Apr. 10, '17 are approved.
2. Reports on Recent Events:
 - a. May 6 Hub Lunch Group (previously Brown Bag) – Madge reports it was well attended, including new people, with much enthusiasm & ideas for the Sunflowers and Artisans projects. A subcommittee will meet Mon. May 15, 6:30. One key is getting C of C on board for merchant participation. Be sure local suppliers don't use neo-nicotinoids. Lunch group also discussed latest cannabis regulations, local food (incl. new Caring Kitchen project), and cell phone health risks. See separate notes.
 - b. WELL tabling at Farmers Market – Chris has now given out about 400 sunflower plants. FM was very well attended at Rec Grove. Our latest newsletter is a good hand-out.
 - c. Action Not Despair Apr. 23 event – Paul found this very impressive and educational. Madge felt people needed more specific actions; luckily our lunch group helps fill that need.
3. WELL-sponsored Healthy Mendocino presentation is scheduled for June 24, 10am-noon (even though that's Kate Wolf weekend). Traci apologizes for missing this meeting & Hub lunch, but is taking the lead planning this event.
4. Blues Festival Aug. 19-20 – request by Pooba for WELL sponsorship & insurance. Our insurance says it can be covered (except for the alcohol aspect) at no extra cost, but Pooba would contribute to WELL. Questions & ideas: Is it a benefit or for-profit? (Madge will check with Freddie on what's allowed for 501c3's.) Pooba must get ABC license & liquor insurance. What about having a WELL booth, 'watering station" with WELL canteens? (Lyn will check on cost to order WELL canteens.) Other local vendors for food, artisans? Using solar for PA system, stage, etc.? Compost instead of waste... maximize tie-in with localization concerns. Pooba will come to next CoCom to discuss; no commitment yet.
5. Summer & Beyond Event Planning: It's suggested next event tie in with the Sunflowers Project. Lyn will research potential good presenters regarding pollinators, including Hopland Field Station, Mendo College, Patches, Bountiful Gardens. This could possibly be late July or early August. Friends of Outlet Creek is now doing Creek monitoring, and Lyn suggests another future event could be all about LL Valley Creeks. Rosamond and ERRP are good resources. Possibly in later Fall could consider presentations by non-profits, esp. NCO and Mendo Community Foundation. No garden or energy tour this summer – too much else on our plates already!
6. Other reports:

- Emily Rose & Madge will deal with remaining unrenewed members to be removed from member list.
- Thayer will try to convene Hub groups to talk about collaboration when Ellen has returned.
- Volunteers are materializing when excited by a project (like the Sunflowers).

7. Next CoCom meeting is June 12th (Paul may miss that one). Lyn will facilitate again! Keep looking for & invite interested folks to attend CoCom.