

CCRT Monthly Meeting Notes 6/11/21

In Attendance: David James, Larry McGee, Terry Harris, Jacky Vance, Annalee Tobey, Laura Six, Brian Wilkins, Susan DeLaire, Justine Pense, Michaelyn Erikson, Brandon Rakes, Randy Mueller, Alicia Spalding, Michael Ervin, Julie McDonald-Zander, Lindsey Senter

Michaelyn Erikson, Market Manager of the Community Farmers Market at Chehalis gave an update. The farmers market is open for the season, Tuesdays 11am-4pm. This is their 17th year on Boistfort Street, founded in 2004. The Kids Club will start on June 22nd. The market has also donated over 900lbs of food to local food banks. They accept WIC and food stamps and are in their second year utilizing online ordering through Local Line supported with a CCRT digital marketing grant. More vendors are available online than at the market.

Dr. Alicia Spalding gave an update on her clinic, Nature Nurture Farmacy. They offer many services including a no-barrier community health center, healthcare education and a sliding scale for payments. There is an acupuncturist available the first Saturday of every month from 8am-12pm. She also manages its community garden program - Winlock Garden. 1300 lbs. of food distributed. Herbal medicine is grown by Dr. Alicia and they offer a free seed library. They will be hosting an open house June 22nd, 5-7pm. The clinic is located behind the library next door to Ben Kostick's office. The apothecary is open Tues-Thurs, 10am-4pm and open for patient care Tues-Wed.

Promotions Committee Update – David James

- Working on postcards
- ChehalisFest might be bigger this year than expected. A lot of interest

ERC Committee Update – Laura Six

- Facade Grant program - peach awning at Bakery has been removed
- Historic Brunswig Hotel Building on Chehalis Ave is getting cleaned up
- Monica Brummer at the college is helping us get a work study student to help at Coworks
- Parking flyer going out to Coworks members

Design – Annalee Tobey obo Emily von Flotow

- Many small art projects to begin soon this year, 10-15 projects in all.
- 4-5 large scale murals via RFP
- Utility boxes are scheduled to be painted as well
- Consider a directory of local artists, artisans on the website

Director Report – Annalee Tobey

- 24 completed facade grants
- Our local businesses have been thriving during the pandemic.

Other Updates:

Jacky Vance - Westside Park

Improvements - parking, fencing, a gravel trail around perimeter (drainage might be an issue) Lewis County Trails organization to help. Other improvements desired include new playground equipment, basketball court improvement. They are filling paperwork to become a 501©4. City will host kids basketball camp at the park. Also looking into cleaning up bus stop.

Susan DeLaire

Country Chicks is happening this weekend. Lewis County Seniors reopening senior centers soon.

Julie McDonald-Zander

Mentioned that the Southwest Washington Writers Conference will be held Sept. 10 and 11 at Centralia College. All proceeds benefit scholarships offered through the foundation.

Randy Mueller

Paul Erickson is the newly appointed port commissioner. The position is up for election this fall.

David James obo Lindsey Senter

Ride the Willapa is June 26. Volunteers needed.

Terry Harris

Working on final plans for holiday decorations in 2021 – maintenance and new additions.

Larry McGee

United Way, Boys & Girls Club, Discover Children's Museum and the City of Centralia broke ground this week on the new United Learning Center.