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## **FACILITATOR**

Grace Habeck, Grant Coordinator HCPH

## **PARTICIPANTS**

1. Carla Rospert
2. Rebecca Riley
3. Nikki Cross
4. Christina Raftery
5. Kim Williams
6. Nicole Marks

## **AGENDA**

1. Roll Call
2. FY21 Updates
3. FY22 Planning
4. Questions

## **Meeting Minutes**

The Huron County Creating Healthy Communities Committee met on Wednesday, December 15, 2021, virtually through Zoom for the 2021 Quarter 4 Meeting. Grace Habeck began the meeting at 9:30 AM. Grace welcomed the committee members started with roll call, six (6) total in attendance.

### **UPDATES:**

The end of the fourth quarter is nearing (December 31, 2021). The shared Google drive was updated by HCPH's CHC Coordinator for the Coalition and Subcommittees to use. The drive is used to share meeting minutes, PowerPoint presentations, and other meeting documents with the coalition as well as house project documents for each subcommittee.

The Nourishing Huron County Community Garden has stopped producing vegetables for the year and the garden produced 468.54 lbs. of produce this year which was donated to the Norwalk Food Bank.

A review of the status of the current objectives was provided to the coalition members.

- The McGuan Park Revitalization project is complete. The opening ceremony for the park was held on October 31<sup>st</sup>. There were over 200 Huron County residents in attendance for the grand opening. Data on the park was collected on 11/12/2021 from 3:00pm – 4:00pm as well as



11/24/2021 from 3:30pm – 4:30pm. There were 37 park patrons on the first day and 64 on the next. The park seems to be attracting a ton of new activity and this project was more than a success.

- The Willard Bike Share program was placed on hold for Q2 to focus on the time sensitive objectives. This objective will be rolled into FY 2022 but will soon resume meetings and moving forward with surveying the community and determining the program details.
- The equipment for Red Cap Park has been purchased and delivered, but due to other project delays the CHC donated equipment won't be installed until the Spring of 2022.
- The Active Transportation Plan, a roll over objective from last year, has been edited by Toole Design. The Action Institute Team was reconvened in order to finish the plan which was completed and sent out to the adopting bodies on 10/25/2021. So far, ODOT has adopted the plan and the CHC Coordinator has a meeting presentation with the County Commissioners on 11/21/2021.
- The Food Service Guidelines (FSG) planned for this year will be rolled into FY 2022, however the FSGs for Sharpnack will be completed this year. Due to poor communication through Firelands vending, not much progress has been made for this objective. The finalization of Sharpnack's FSG Policy has been completed and the taste tests along with the surveys were distributed on 11/30/2021.
- The Willard Community Garden project completed a successful gardening season with a bounty of produce to show for it! The end-of-year garden clean up was completed on 11/17/2021 by Kim Williams, Norwalk Parks and Rec., as well as some of her team. The end of year survey was sent out on 10/15/2021 and 9 out of 13 members responded. 77.8% of gardens plan on returning for the 2022 planting season and 44.4% donated a portion of their produce. One gardener said, "Being able to go out in a country setting and do some "city slicker" farming was fun. We never did it with the intention of growing anything but making memories and we did exactly that! We did accidentally get some corn to grow along the way.". Hopefully this garden will continue to be a source of joy for the Willard community.
- The Wakeman Community Garden project unfortunately wasn't able to be operational this year due to some delays but will hopefully be up and running in 2022.

**FY 2022 STRATEGIES:**

All strategies have been identified for the 2022 grant year. There are five (5) proposed project objectives and five (5) sustain objectives. The first objective is centered around Norwalk with the revitalization of the Stoutenburg Park Basketball Court. There will be a new concrete court along with two new hoops and picnic tables for spectators. The next three projects will take place in Willard with the continuation of the Bike Share, the Fisher Titus Health Walk, and a Food Service Guidelines project at the Willard Pool. The Bike Share program is a continuation of a 2021 strategy which will hopefully



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be completed by December of 2022. The Fisher Titus Health Walk will be a collaboration between Fisher Titus and the City of Willard with the plan to pave the 2.32-mile walking path at the Willard Reservoir. According to the City Manager, Bryson Hamons, "This project has been a request for area residents for many years, and it will finally be able to come to fruition with a \$200,000 contribution from Fisher-Titus. The project is estimated to cost around \$300,000; therefore, we are seeking nine - Quarter-of-a-Mile Sponsorships for \$10,000 to help finalize this project. Each organization at this level will have signage that states, "This Quarter-of-a Mile" sponsored by "sponsoring organization.". CHC will be sponsoring a quarter mile of this project which is an exciting addition for 2022. The Food Service Guidelines project at the Willard pool will be centered around improving the nutritional status of their menu as well as updating the area around the concession stand with new picnic tables. The last objective supports all of Huron County and revolves around crossing improvements in the intersection of Benedict and Norwood Ave. in Norwalk. The updates would ensure the safety of all individuals who frequent this intersection. The final objectives revolve around the sustainability or completion of minor activities.

**QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

No additional comment or questions, meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM.

**ACTION ITEMS/NEXT STEPS**

Q1 Meeting: Wednesday, March 16, 2022, 9:30 - 11:30 AM