

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Pete Barrell, Community Services Director

SUBJECT: VISION 2037 ANNUAL AWARDS AND PRESENTATION TO CITY COUNCIL

DATE: June 8, 2016

Background

The Cottage Grove 2037 Vision and Action Plan includes an implementation component with the creation of the "Vision Keepers", a committee charged with collectively tracking implementation, troubleshooting challenges, and keeping the public and plan stakeholders informed of the progress. One of the core Vision Keepers activities involves presenting an Annual Progress Report to the community and presenting Annual Awards to recognize individuals and organizations for exceptional service toward promoting achievement of the Cottage Grove 2037 Action Plan. Members of the Vision Keepers will attend the June 13, 2016 City Council Meeting to present the Annual Progress Report and list of Annual Awards.

Recommendation

This is an information item only.

Cost

None


Richard Meyers, City Manager


Pete Barrell, Community Services Director

Vision Keepers Annual Report

Cottage Grove 2037 Vision and Action Plan

June 2016

The Cottage Grove 2037 Vision Keeper's Mission is to keep the community vision alive by fostering working partnerships and actions that build a better quality of life for our residents and visitors for years to come

The Vision Keepers committee has had a busy year with community Lead Partners meeting quarterly at the Cottage Grove Community Center. Lead Partners are community organizations, local government, businesses or individuals who are working to implement one or more actions of the Cottage Grove 2037 Vision and Action Plan.

This past year Vision Keeper Meetings have been an excellent opportunity for Lead Partners to share information about projects and programs and accomplishments happening in the community related to Cottage Grove 2037. Partnership and collaboration among groups and organizations has been cultivated and enhanced through the networking and information sharing that continues to happen at the Vision Keeper Meetings. All Vision Keeper Meetings are open to the public and everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Some highlights of activities and accomplishments by Lead Partners this past year include:

- Little Free Library Project is installed in the community!
- EBID funds Main Street Coordinator Position, Shauna Neigh hired. City of Cottage Grove is a support partner in this providing office space and staff support.
- Sustainable Cottage Grove hosts "FEAST" event and expands community gardens and hosts "Cooking Matters" nutrition and culinary education class.
- School District receives \$25,000 "Wellness Grant"
- Healing Matrix is hosting programs for Vets
- Free Dinners happening throughout the community at Churches and Community Center
- Team Cottage Grove, "Around the Grove" publication of community events!
- Party in the Park a huge success again this year!
- Earth Day Event grows to include over 50 community groups!
- LifeFlite Helicopter now stationed in Cottage Grove at the Hospital
- Main Street Refinement Plan passed by City Council

Highlights of activities and accomplishments continued...

- Cottage Grove Public Library hosts Smithsonian “Human Origins” exhibit!
- Cottage Grove Public Library Hosts a diversity of Programming for Kids and Teens!
- Eugene Symphony performs in Bohemia Park!
- Cottage Grove hosts Oregon Mayor’s Conference!
- Be Your Best organization hosts Community Conversations on Health
- Team Cottage Grove assembles list of 100+ local non-profit and community groups with the goal of fostering volunteer opportunities here in Cottage Grove
- Marie Longfellow honored at Governors Tourism Conference for successful volunteer driven graffiti eradication project
- LCC introduces “College Springboard” program and scholarship opportunities!
- LCC is embarking on a Solar Weather Station project called GLOBE!
- Cottage Grove Half Marathon a success with Banner Bank sponsorship
- CDC becomes a 501c3 tax exempt organization!
- “Spring Fling” Health Fair for Children and Families a Family Relief Nursery success!
- Beds for Freezing Nights provided safe warm shelter this Winter for local citizens
- Gloria Campuzano teaches Yoga to raise money for free swimming and dance lessons for local children!
- Halloween Event on Main Street continues to grow as a City of Cottage Grove, Chamber of Commerce and Main Street Program partnership that serves the children and families of Cottage Grove!

This past year many incredible local community groups and organizations have made great strides toward achieving successful completion of projects and goals identified in the Cottage Grove 2037 Vision and Action Plan. The Vision Keepers have decided to increase their meeting schedule to meet every other month during 2016 with the desire to continue to foster and encourage networking, partnership, and collaboration on Vision 2037 programs and projects.

The Vision Keepers have decided to present the Annual Awards at a public community event this Summer with the hope that more members of the community will be able to attend and participate in the celebration of accomplishments that community members and organizations are making here in Cottage Grove.

Cottage Grove 2037
Vision Keeper Annual Awards 2015-2016

Individual

Gail Hoelzle, Bookmine Book Store

Organizational

Cottage Grove Public Library (Programs & Events)

Enhancing Community Health

City of Cottage Grove (Emergency Preparedness Fair)

Pioneering The Future

South Lane School District (School Bond Measure)

Preserving & Promoting Environmental Assets

Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council

Diverse & Sustainable Economy

Sustainable Cottage Grove (FEAST Event)

Enhancing Urban Spaces

Danny & Candace Solesbee (Main Street Businesses)

Expanding & Integrating Community Networks

Team Cottage Grove