

Transition Humboldt Council Meeting
September 8, 2013

Facilitator: Johnny Calkins
Time Keeper: Jane Woodward
Notes: Karen Isa

Fifteen people attended the 1-3:30 pm Economics presentation by Marco Vangelisti. After a break for refreshments, Council members Larry Goldberg, Richard Kreis, Joe Ormond Andy Sehic, Johnny Calkins, Erin Rowe, and Jane Woodward met with 8 others in attendance. Bill Warf and Maureen Hart were absent.

Johnny Calkins opened the meeting with a shared moment of reflection and preparation for the meeting. Introductions were done by each stating something they had consciously done in transitioning.

Working Group Reports:

- Economics: Larry announced a similar presentation by Marco Vangelisti again the following day and invited everyone to attend.
- Education/Outreach: Richard told of successes at the HSU Agency and Volunteer Fair tabling event 9/4/13. Three of the students asked for transportation help to the Hopland conference. Future tabling events will be scheduled and Web questions handled at the Education/Outreach Working Group meeting, next Tuesday.
- Energy/Transportation: The Program and Potluck on Oct. 18th is sponsored by this Working Group. A flyer is being developed. It starts at 6 p, and will feature Electric Cars.
- Food: Just that day a group of them carpooled to George Steven's farm in Willow Creek, did seed winnowing, etc. The group is interested in producing food now. Joe has 62 sign-ups and almost no response from those people regarding meetings. Joe talked about (and has distributed by email) Assembly Bill 224 which would impact CSAs and asked that others become informed to act upon it.
- Health and Wellness: Andy sent a meeting notice to 35 sign-ups and none of them responded. So she has recruited dependable friends to develop a Working Group.
- Inner Transition: Johnny said this Working Group has met twice and is working on refinements to the Council meeting process and the roles and responsibilities of those involved.
- Housing: Erin said there has been no meeting, but that she will be responding to a request from a Eureka Librarian to be involved in a local housing effort.
- Zero Waste Lifestyle Working Group: Jane said they have not had time for meetings because they have been involved in developing a collaborative display that was installed at the Ferndale Fairgrounds. It was fantastically successful with an average of 25 people per hour experiencing it. She has been talking to someone about it being installed at the Sequoia Zoo. It may go to other events as well. If the display does not get a site at the North County Fair, Transition Humboldt members will be asked to collaborate with Zero Waste Management in helping the public properly dispose of waste items at the fair September 20-21.

Tim Howard has been asking people to sign up for tabling shifts at the North County Fair. It is just two weeks away. If Larry is able to secure a set up site, the tabling could be held. This will be a topic for discussion at the Education/Outreach meeting Tuesday.

1. Report on Building Resilient Communities Conference at Hopland, October 11-13: Larry said the Website is up and running with all the information. The line-up of keynote speakers is exceptionally outstanding. There are

also musical events, workshops, a big dinner on Saturday evening and displays – including our Humboldt Made products and our own people providing the expertise. The most important thing is to get registered as soon as possible (for discounts) to make the logistics flow more smoothly.

2. Not only is carpooling available online, Larry is setting up carpooling locally.
3. Pet Projects: Erin mentioned some of the specific people needs in the local area. She is inviting everyone to come to her “Project Taco” event Sunday, September 15th, 6-8 pm to consider all the good ideas and get started on projects.

Larry said that policy changes at The Link make it more difficult to have meetings there without planning and reservations are a must through Larry or Johnny.

4. Email Distribution Policy: By consensus it was agreed that email was to go out Bcc for general mailings. Larry has set up and paid for Vertical Response and details of how it will be integrated into our communications will be worked out in the Education/Outreach meeting Tuesday.
5. Email Address List Sharing Policy: By consensus it was agreed that email addresses will never be given out. Karen will send e-mail addresses of new sign-ups to Working Groups Chairs.
6. Recording attendance, name tags and sign-up sheets: By consensus it was agreed that attendance would be recorded, name tags were not needed and sign-up sheets would be maintained.
7. Appoint logo committee: By consensus it was agreed that a logo was important but it is tabled until the next Council meeting.
8. Request for evaluation of current Council Meeting process: There were many positive expressions of appreciation for the day’s Council Meeting process. The submitted agenda items and back up were particularly helpful. The reports could be shorter if they could be posted on the Web site. Today’s opening was nice and might be used each meeting. There is no space for announcements, but they could be added, at the end if there were time.

One person was upset that everyone else said they wanted shorter meetings. The majority of the group saw this meeting as a time to take care of business rather than a social/sharing/growth type of setting. The previous meeting had been timed to last 1 hour 15 minutes. This meeting had been timed to last about 1 hour 30 minutes – and still it went for two hours. Inner Transition Working Group is tackling this problem.

9. Request for 10 minute reports from other agencies: Larry said that this had not been his idea. We all agreed that we want to be supportive of other groups but questioned that using our business meeting time was the correct format.

Appoint October 6, 2013:

Facilitator –
Time Keeper –

Richard Kreis
Andy Sehic

Note Taker –

John Schaefer

Conclusion and Adjournment: 6:00 pm