

Gaffney Lane Neighborhood Association meeting minutes: January 21st, 2025.

48 people in attendance and 6 people on line.
Meeting started at 6:30 and ended at 8:23pm.

Topic of meeting was Homelessness in our community. Speakers were;

Dan Fowler (Board Chair) & John Duke (Exec. Director) of Homeless Solutions of Clack Cty.

2015 thru 2019 saw a huge increase in homelessness. 2023-2024 increased by 14% alone. Families with minor children saw the biggest demand on resources. They discussed the new building being built and how eventually there will be a recovery resource, caring place (medical intervention) a pharmacy, and court services 1-2 days a week.

Glen Suchanek (Deputy Director) LoveOne: Discussed 14 pop up events, at Brax Laundry. Meals provided. Showers.

Chris Aiosa (Deputy Director) The Fathers Heart. He is very new in his role here, however he comes with a lot of experience from Portland.

Valentina Muggia, Behavioral Health Specialist OCPD. She is averaging 60-65 clients to ensure them with life skills, and counseling. She is on call in this roll. She stressed that this will be successful with small wins and eventually (hopefully) there will be enough education, skills provided so they can be successful.

Tony Konkol, City Manager, City of Oregon City. Spoke that all these services are already happening in Oregon City but the new building will bring the services to one place for better access for the patrons.

There was a 30 minute Q & A with all speakers. Security concerns were brought up, costs, location of new building. People wanted answers to when there would be a decrease need of these services. There was not a clear answer for this.

CIC update: Betty is going to ask at their next meeting about a community clean up. Shelly will follow up with Jason (?) with the City about adopting a street (Meyers Rd) to clean up.

Next Steering Committee meeting is Tuesday, February 18th at 6:30 pm.
Next GLNA meeting is Tuesday, March, 18th at 6:30pm.

Respectfully,

Deanna Hauck
Secretary, GLNA