



Ridgefield Prevention Council Meeting

September 22, 2021

Members present: Kim Carone, Siera Fregosi, Sean McEvoy, Carol Ann Sganga, Sarah Lorenzini, Tina Malhotra

Guests present: Bhargavi Ramamurthy

1. Meeting called to order: 7:02 pm.
2. Approval of Minutes: June 2021 minutes will be approved at the next meeting; not enough members present to approve.
3. Treasurer Report: No treasurer report presented.
4. Reports/Discussion:
 - a. Vigil Recap: Kim Carone reports that the event was a success. For next year, hoping to have more community support in the audience. Event ran a bit long; look at length for next year. Kim has created a Google form for those who run events. Form can be used to track details such as budget, location and supplies and can be referenced in future years.
 - b. Narcan Training/October Event: Siera Fregosi is looking for recommendations regarding who to contact to run training. Sean McEvoy suggested that RPD or CERT might be good resources. Sean also added the OEM office could be used as a location for training and CERT members might be interested in the training also. Sean will check the CERT schedule and report back to the group. Kim Carone will look for someone to lead the training.
 - c. Update on Distribute Truth (Vaping)/ November Event: Lou Ann Daprato is hoping to target the middle school population. She will update us next month on progress.
 - d. Stance on Marijuana Legalization: Kim Carone shares that Rudy Marconi is looking for a stance from RPC. Tina Malhotra

shared the RCCASA discussion regarding the topic. RPC members discussed needing more details and discussion before the group can provide a stance. One idea is to invite our state representatives and/or healthcare providers to discuss viewpoints. Discussion could be open to the public and include a question/answer session. Looking at January (or later) to hold event.

- e. Review of 2021-22 LPC Application: Kim Carone reports she has reviewed the application. There are two separate parts and there are stipulations/limitations. Kim will incorporate our monthly events into the application. Funds could be used for marketing. One idea is to set up a RPC information table at an event in town. Sean McEvoy suggests having a table at town Safety Day in early October. Siera Fregosi is interested in being the RPC representative for this event.

5. New Business:

- a. Introductions: Bhargavi Ramamurthy is a community member interested in joining RPC. She is a RPS parent and wants to learn about town boards/councils.
- b. Contact Rudy Marconi/New members: Tina Malhotra will contact Rudy about Bhargavi and Sarah Lorenzini being interviewed/joining RPC.

6. Meeting adjourned: 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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