INTERFAITH COUNCIL OF LA MESA (ICLM)

AGENDA
September 28, 2017
12:00 pm

Police Department Community Room
8085 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA

MISSION STATEMENT: Our mission is to contribute to the well-being of the general population of our community, including individuals, families, and those at-risk community members through the resources and actions of the Interfaith Council’s membership.

1. Welcome/Introductions

2. Additional Items To Be Discussed

3. Report On The Interfaith Council’s Celebration - Suellen Treadwell Of Peace Day
   a. Report - See sheet of achievements
   b. Lots of great media coverage this year of what is happening in La Mesa for the Day of Peace celebration. Coverage before in many media outlets and a nice after article in the La Mesa Courier. Important to follow up to make sure people see the success of the event.
   c. Collin Parent presentation of a proclamation of the La Mesa Day of Peace, signed by mayor and city council.
   d. United Nations San Diego Organization contacted us before the event to help and be a part in any way.
   e. Thank you LaVern for the beautiful stoles from the NAAN conference back in August.
   f. Will post pictures on our council website
      a. Facebook Interfaith page, Rebecca needs admin privilege from Dani to update.
   g. Follow up event - International Day of Peace Listening Circles to Shift Thinking was last Thursday at Vista La Mesa. Many attending including representatives from Jewish, Mormon, disciple of Christ and others.
      a. Looking for next event to be in the LMPD community room.

4. San Diego 350 - Climate Change Action – David Harris
a. City of La Mesa climate action plan. Working on it for about a year. Still in progress. Aspirational goals and still looking for target dates, more teeth, discussion on increased use of mass transit.

b. Took on project working with other volunteers in La Mesa trying to get more people involved in the process. Business owners, community organizations and residents concerned with the environment.

c. July 2017 second draft. Some adjustments needed in data that they are working on. La Mesa working on third revision is supposed to come out this month. Will be released shortly for review before the meeting. Working with staff and City council to work on measures.

d. Climate action plan. 350 = is carbon dioxide. Levels in the atmosphere. Started 60 years ago in Mauna Loa, Hawaii because of the clean air and to get a baseline. At that time was 320 parts 60 years ago. 405 PPM today. Many things contribute to this high level of carbon dioxide and in turn contributes to global warming and all the consequences along with that. What we can do at the local level? City officials create a Climate Action Plan, because the council and City officials care and are residents, parents and their families attend local schools.

e. There are many categories of focus such as energy, transportation, solid waste diversion and urban forestry...there are 8 actual areas. Encourage the use of more solar and wind power, encourage trolley and buses, use of bicycles and walk, carpool. What can the city do to encourage these things? We can do then do them as individuals and families in La Mesa.

f. Discussion - We know there are varying opinions towards global warming, science and contributors such as cows and termites. Animal agriculture and landfills are also big contributors. There are effort to collect the methane and use that elsewhere and divert organic waste instead of into landfills. Curbside compost conversations, food waste annual conference. Also issues to bring skunks and unwanted animals. Goal with the City is to let people know it is happening. Public hearings coming soon before planning commission and city councils.

g. Goal of 100% clean energy by 2035. Meaning our electrical supply be 100% solar, wind hydroelectric or other clean sources. Current La Mesa goal is 70%. Cities jumping on board will help the industry move along faster.
h. Looking also for City to encourage community choice energy. It has been done in other counties. Solana Beach, LA, Marin, Sonoma, Lancaster counties and many others have voted to be a community choice city. Cities can combine their buying power to get this moving. Santee is also working on their Climate Action Plan. Working with SDSU. La Mesa working with USD.

i. Questions: what kind of evaluations will be done from those other cities and improve our cance for success with feedback/best practices.

j. There are statewide organizations promoting community choice, policy institute at USD and other universities. Not from investor owned utilities like SDG&E. SDG&E currently provides 40% clean energy.

k. What is timeline? Hoping finalized by end of the year.

l. Postcards will start next week to City Council,

m. Aaron - state of California rules do apply. City regulations are very limited. State of California would be a good place to focus. Those regulations need to be on developers so that the local governments will save on maintenance of the local cities for example. The City of La Mesa will have difficulties sticky their neck out to make buildings more expensive to build within the City.

350 is a national organization and working at all levels of government.

If you or interested reach out to David Harris www.SanDiego350.org or Volunteer@sandiego350.org

5. Old Business

6. New Business

a. Roger Knowlton La Mesa First United Methodist-Homelessness movie dinner’s theater. See flyer, Tony is form San Diego and will be there panel discussion afterwards. Please RSVP to contacts on flyer.

b. Dani Womack Crosspointe Life Church - La Mesa collaborative Oct 7th human trafficking – see flyer
a. A unique things about these presentation Tom Jones of hope project. It is not all women and girls. The young men and boys need to know also send an RSVP via email or text message.

b. Once you see the signs, then what do you do next, that is what will be taught. How to ask open ended questions, what to say and not to say. Be more informed by attending this event.

c. Gene Carpenter – Hep A concern 232 homeless cases of Hep 1/3 are illicit drug users. East County mag said from La Mesa 24 public restrooms. 10 are open 24 hours a day. Gene requested a list. This is one of the big identifying problems of hand washing. Awaiting a response from City on location of those 10 bathroom locations. This is a part of caring for the homeless in La Mesa.
   a. What can we do to influence city council? City meeting with County soon.
   b. Is there a map of these restrooms? Another concern is only cold water and no soap in these public restrooms.
   c. 1st united Methodist church has provided 24 inoculations getting vaccines.
   d. Evonne Garret should be the contact for soap dispensaries. Friction helps but soap is better.
   e. Ingestion period is 7 weeks!! What are symptoms and how to treat?
   f. City is cleaning with correct chemicals.

d. Training information coming out from Interfaith Shelter Network. Wednesday the 4th. Bill Zucconi already sent out info.

e. Anna Pacheco – flyer fair trade 7th annual fair trade gift trade, new vendors, more clothes, fair trade cotton. Ask everyone to just check it out. Sunday October 15th. Talk with Anne if you are interested in hosting an event.

f. San Diego Regional Interfaith Collaborative is getting churches to combine efforts to accomplish more – see flyer on human trafficking. Presentations from Point Loma Nazarene....concern is funding issue. Willing to come to youth groups.

7. Next Meeting - October 26, 2017
November 30th on a 5th Thursday instead due to Thanksgiving holiday
December – no meeting

8. Adjourn