



Healthy Impact Nampa Coalition

Food Access Subcommittee

Minutes – July 10, 2018

2:30 PM - Welcome and Introductions

Brent Peterson and Bethany Gadzinski, Committee Chairs, started the meeting with a welcome introduction and all in attendance introduced themselves. Rhonda Jalbert, with Valley Regional Transit, shared that VRT is proposing service changes <https://valleyregionaltransit.org/projects-plans/proposed-service-changes/>. She asked that the committee review the changes and send any comments to info@valleyregionaltransit.org. Karla Nelson shared that the final city of Nampa Transportation Master Plan open house will be held on July 18, from 4-6 p.m. at the Nampa Civic Center.

Name	Affiliation
Brent Peterson	NNU, Committee Chair
Jose DeLeon	Resident/ Dept. of Labor
Claudia Dina	Good News Church Pantry
Ana Moroshan	Good News Church Pantry
Sheri Ainsworth	Saint Alphonsus
Sandi Levi	Councilwoman
Silvia Christensen	Food Access Nampa
Jean Mutchie	St. Luke's
Karla Nelson	City of Nampa
Rhonda Jalbert	Valley Regional Transit
Don Bentley	Good News Community Church
Gabriella Haragos	Good News Food Pantry
Meggan Manlove	Trinity Community Gardens
Jackie Jermann	WICAP
Bethany Gadzinski	Terry Reilly Health Services
Lynda Clark	Resident/ Retired Grant Writer
Diane Stephens	DHW/ resident
Amy Bowman	City of Nampa
Samuel Mangeac	GNFP/GNCC
Micki Kawakami	AARP ID
Laramie Holtman	Terry Reilly
Sandy Kipp	Dietitian/ College Church
Brian Dale	HUD

2:45 PM - Fruit and Veggie Hut – Box Truck

Good News Church and Food Pantry has access to a box truck that they are willing to donate to the Fruit and Veggie Hut program. The program would be run through the Good News Food Pantry 501c3 with access to Idaho Food Bank produce and goods. There will also be a partnership with the Treasure Valley Leadership Academy that will provide student volunteers and help with the business plan – they will ask organizations and farms for donations to the truck. Volunteer support will also come from the broader Healthy Impact Nampa Coalition network. All the produce and programming with the hut will be free.

Needs:

- Wrap for the truck – design will include logos from supporting organizations: Good News Food Pantry, Blue Cross – High Five, Idaho Food Bank, School District, Hospitals, Trinity Gardens and any others. **Action:** Jean will work with Blacksmith signs to get the wrap designed and placed on the truck. Funding will come from the High Five grant – invoices can be sent to Karla.
- AC unit, generator and awning – **Action:** Claudia is working with Bish’s to outfit the truck with the AC unit, generator and awning. **Action:** if Bish’s is unable to do the work Catapult might, Rhonda Jalbert and Karla Nelson are checking.
- Purchase of tables, chairs & canopy – **Action:** Jose Deleon will price items.
- Bins and securing bins – **Action:** Diane Stephens will evaluate the racks and can work with welders to design a secure system for the crates. The crates could be milk carts or plastic bins, perhaps with rope handles that could be secured in place to the truck.
- Insurance and Registration: Ana Moroshan is working on the truck’s insurance and registration. The committee suggested that Emmett Wemp and Jessica Nielson from Treasure Valley Leadership Academy should be on the insurance as should Sam Mangeac from Good News. Brent Peterson agreed to be a driver. Drivers do not need a CDL. **Action:** a few more drivers should be identified from the Healthy Food Committee or Good News and all drivers should provide their information to Ana Moroshan.

Logistics:

The committee discussed a desire to start the program in September. The committee felt that there should be a set schedule with the recognition that there will need to be some trial and error adjustments. Frequency and time of the service will need to be arranged with TVLA and set drivers – but ideally would run 1/week. There was some discussion on time but due to non-traditional work hours it is hard to say what time is best: – the food distribution runs from 4-6 p.m. and typically most of the food is gone by 5 so 4-5 might be good, some neighborhood residents have told us that late morning is good, after kids are in school, some prefer afternoons when kids get picked up from school, others like evenings and weekends.

Committee members suggested some locations including neighborhood parks – they thought that rotating among a few parks might be good (Lakeview, City Acres and Indian Creek), having the truck at the boys and girls club around the time that parents pick up could be useful, also

making sure that the truck gets to homes where people have mobility issues would be nice. A jingle like the ice cream truck jingle could be used to alert folks that the truck was near. Like a food truck, a board could be placed on the outside of the truck indicating the types of produce available that day.

Action: Meet with TVLA and volunteer drivers to determine a realistic schedule and frequency.

Name Brainstorm

Committee members brainstormed names for the fruit and veggie hut. All were asked to individually write down catchy names for the program, after about 10 minutes the lists were passed to the right. The committee members were then asked to pick and share their favorite name. Each person's favorite name was listed on large sticky notes and then committee members were asked to vote with stickers for their favorite names.

Names with the greatest votes included: The Happy Apple, Nampa Fresh and Movin' Market.

Action: Jean Mutchie is working with the marketing professionals at Blue Cross to build upon the committee's top ideas. The enhanced names will be sent out to all in a final survey to decide upon the name.

3:45 p.m. Project Updates

School Food Share Program: Brent Peterson explained that progress has been stalled. A meeting is needed with the food services department at the school district to determine if the program could be feasible in Nampa. **Action:** Sandy Kipp is going to reach out to the School District to try and schedule a meeting.

Grocery Store Shuttle: Brent Peterson shared that the shuttle has been consistently seeing about 30 riders. Sheri Ainsworth has applied for two grants and so far has received one grant from Walmart for the shuttle. Amy Bowman confirmed that the Mayor's office received \$20,000 from Republic Services to be used on the grocery shuttle. **Action:** Sheri will work with the Mayor's office and Boise Rescue Mission to allocate funding and to determine the programs structure going forward.

North Nampa, Good News Church, Food Pantry

Good News Church is working with Sheri Ainsworth on a \$100,000 Monsanto grant for the pantry. They are also working on a grant through the Idaho Food bank.

Terry Reilly Healthy Food Prescription Program – Bethany Gadzinski explained that the new dietician already has 80 patients interested in the program. She meets with the patients after their clinical visits. A partnership with cooking matters has been formed but they need a grocery store or food supplier to fully implement the program.

Create Common Good: Micki Kawakami met with Create Common Good. The program would like to find a way to locate in Canyon County. The Hispanic Cultural Center would be a good option but with their limited all volunteer staff it has been hard to figure out how to make that work. Any connections or ideas are appreciated.

Learning Peace - A camp for kids: Megan Manlove shared information about the upcoming Learning Peace camp at the Hispanic Cultural Center. The camp for kids age 6-13 is free and will be held from July 30- August 2. Register at: www.learningpeacenampa.com

Poverty Simulation – Jackie Jermann with WICAP shared information about a poverty simulation in Emmett on September 20. Call Janet at 208-365-7197 to sign up.

3:55 PM Meeting Logistics

- The next meeting will be held on: