



FAITH-BASED ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2nd Floor Large Conference Room, City Hall, 180 NE 2nd
Street

Where Life is Sweet

February 04, 2025 at 4:00 PM

AGENDA

1. WELCOME / INVOCATION

2. MINUTES

A. Minutes of the November 2024 Meeting. No meeting was held in December 2024.

B. Minutes of the January Meeting. No meeting was held in December.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Business License Information

B. How is the Faith Community Serving the Community
- Survey question ideas
- List of Faith Service Organizations

5. CHECK-INS / UPDATES / REPORTS

A. School Adoption

B. Food Insecurities

6. NEXT MEETING

A. Tuesday, March 4th at 4:00pm

7. BENEDICTION

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Faith-Based Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2024

Present were Chris Hankel, Dan Mahon, and James Lafolette; also present was City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong. Dean Hackett, Terry Cummings, and Council representatives Rod Hardin and Jackie Linton were not present. The meeting was opened in prayer by Terry at 4:06pm.

Public Comment

None given.

Euvalcree Presentation

Euvalcree Regional Operations and Community Development Manager Marisa Avila and Community Services and Coalition Coordinator Angeles Padilla Villa presented information (attached) regarding:

- Established in 2014 being a 501c3 organization, Their Mission is to serve the underrepresented population in rural Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. Their name is a combination of three Latin root words with these meanings:
 - Eu= Good
 - Val= Valient
 - Cree= Faith and Belief
- Helping individuals and families with resources for: Education, Healthcare, Housing, Immigration, Food, Childcare, Legal Services, Home Energy Audits, Small Business Support, Unemployment Claims, Community Events and Services, General Paperwork and Technical Services, and more.
- Much of their times is also spent translating, in Spanish and Mam, helping schedule appointments and filling out forms for various items, attending community events for outreach service so people know they offer wrap-around-service for individuals and families that may need help with a little bit of everything.
- Currently, they are hosting a food and toy drive for families in need for the Christmas Season and are seeking donations, as well as the names and information of people who would benefit from having a food box and toys.
- They are always seeking other opportunities to help the underserved community.

Possibilities of incorporating Faith and First Responders Event into I Love My City

Chris stated it was suggested at the last meeting that the Faith and First Responders Event be held during I Love My City and opened the subject for discussion. Committee members felt it would be a good idea to combine the events with a meet and greet during lunch on Saturday as an easier and great way to interact and connect with first responders and build trust within the community.

2024 Committee Service Goals – Food Insecurities Update

Dan gave information regarding <https://feedhermiston.org/>. This website was created to give individuals and families, struggling with food insecurity, current and up-to-date information on food availability within the Greater Hermiston Area. The website is a collaboration between community religious groups, businesses, and non-profits.



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Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2024

Minutes

Chris moved and Dan seconded to approve the September meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously. No meeting was held in October.

Elect Vice Chair through July 2025

James moved and Dan seconded to nominate Chris as Vice Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

Elect Chair through July 2025

Chris moved and James seconded to nominate Dan as Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 7th at 4:00pm in the Large Board Room on the 2nd Floor of City Hall.

Adjournment

There was no other business, and the meeting was adjourned in prayer by Dan at 5:08pm.



501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization

Our Vision
A unified community
advocating for itself and
equity for all.

Our Mission
Euvalcree mobilizes and engages
underserved and
underrepresented populations to
improve the lives of all children,
families and communities in
RURAL Oregon, Washington, and
Idaho.

Established in 2014



Our Leadership Team!



Our Staff

- 2 Main offices- Ontario, Hermiston
- Childcare Oasis Center in Malheur
- Directors, Managers, Community Organizers, Childcare teachers, Program Specialists, Community Health Workers

Focus Areas

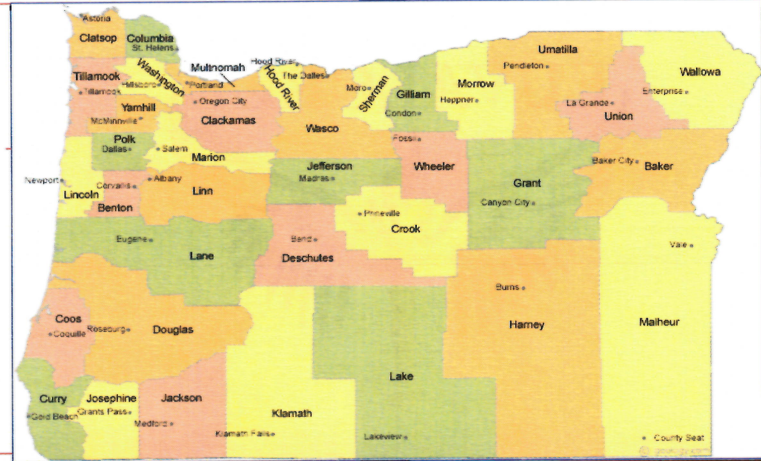
Education

Immigration

Healthcare

Community
and Economic
Development

Housing and
Built
Environment



Our Services and Programs

- Covid-19 Wrap Services
- Oregon Worker Relief
- Toys for Tots
- Leadership Camps



More!

- Oregon Health Plan
- Food Bank
- Childcare Center
- Small Business Support
- Home Energy Audits
- Legal Services





... and more!

Unemployment
claims

Passport
applications

General
translations, interpretations,
Spanish
Afian

Letter of
Recommendations/
Character
Attestation

Drivers
Licenses / Test,
Consulate Apprs

Community Events

Technical
Assistance

Community
Surveys

CPR and First Aid
Trainings

Our Offices

Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa

Grant, Baker, Harney, Malheur



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OUR
COMMUNITY



YOU!

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personas de cualquier edad o estatus migratorio
podrían ser elegibles para todos los beneficios
del Plan de Salud de Oregon (OHP)!



¿Quién es elegible?

Personas que:

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cumplen los requisitos
del ingreso y otros



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y de confianza pueden trabajar
con usted personalmente, o



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las mejoras en su hogar! ¡**Llámenos hoy!**

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As of July 1, 2023,
people of any age or immigrant
may be eligible for free, full Oregon Health Plan
(OHP) benefits!

Section 2, Item A.



Who is eligible?

People who:

Live in Oregon, and
meet income and other criteria



Who can help you apply?

Trusted, certified community
partners can work with you
one-on-one, or



you can call

1-800-699-9075



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MONDAY—FRIDAY
8 AM — 6 PM

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WE HELP WITH RESOURCES AND
INFORMATION RELATED TO:

- Personal Protective Equipment
- Oregon Worker Relief Fund
- Healthcare Insurance
- OHP — Oregon Health Plan
- Small Business Assistance
- Immigration Legal Services
- Reproductive Health
- Home Energy Efficiency
- Food Access

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Section 2, Item A.

¿Busca ayuda o recursos?

Visítenos hoy!

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8 AM — 6 PM

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AYUDAMOS CON RECURSOS Y
INFORMACION RELACIONADOS CON:

- Equipo de Protección (Mascarillas y desinfectante)
- Fondo de Alivio Laboral
- Aseguranza de Salud
- OHP — Plan de Salud de Oregon
- Asistencia a Negocios Pequeños
- Servicios Legales de Inmigración
- Salud Reproductiva
- Eficiencia Energética en el Hogar



RECIEVE FREE TOYS FOR CHRISTMAS!!!

If you have children 12 years of age or younger, register them in Toys for Tots to receive free toys for Christmas!

Toys for Tots is a program created by the United States Marine Corp Reserve to ensure every child 12 years of age and younger is able to receive a gift for Christmas.



For the first time in Umatilla County, EUVALCREE is bringing the Toys for Tots Program!

Registration is easy!
Come visit or call our office!

**LAST DAY TO REGISTER
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22**



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236 E Newport Ave
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Monday - Friday
8 am - 6 pm

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RECIBE JUGETES GRATIS PARA NAVIDAD!!!

Si tiene niños 12 años y menores, regístrelos en Toys for Tots para recibir juguetes gratis para Navidad!

Toys for Tots es un programa creado por los Marines que da asistencia a las familias con niños menores de 12 años, para asegurar que recibían regalos para Navidad.



Por primera vez en el Condado de Umatilla, EUVALCREE trae el programa de Toys for Tots!

La registración es fácil!
Visite o llame nuestra oficina!

**ULTIMO DIA PARA REGISTRAR
VIERNES 22 DE NOVIEMBRE**



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236 E Newport Ave,
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Horas de Oficina
Lunes - Viernes
8 am - 6 pm

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Faith-Based Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2025

Present were Dan Mahon, Terry Cummings, James Lafolette, Assistant City Recorder Heather La Beau and Council Representative Allen Hayward. Chris Hankel was excused. Council Representative Jackie Linton was not present. The meeting was opened in prayer at 4:03pm.

Public Comment

None given.

Introduction of new Council Representative, Councilor Allen Hayward

Brief introductions were made to welcome Councilor Hayward, new Council Representative to the committee. Councilor Hayward stated he is the sound man at his church and he and his wife are heavily involved with Campus Life.

Hermiston School District Communication

Dan shared he was able to meet with Dr. Tricia Mooney, Superintendent of the Hermiston School District, and was encouraged by the conversation. Dr. Mooney acknowledged and expressed gratitude for the faith-based community and work they do to help meet the needs of students.

Discussion followed regarding the need for updates from churches involved with the school adoption program. Suggestions included:

- Updated list of churches and schools and providing list to Dr. Mooney
- Include administrative & facilities personnel along with school faculty
- More communication with churches on activities and ways to support schools

Joe inquired about the program and was provided with the program guidelines. The program's intent is for churches to build relationships with the adopted school to meet the individual needs of the school while offering encouragement and support. Past activities have included prayer, staff lunches, readers, listeners, hygiene bags, coats, gloves, boots, and other tangible items.

Dan and James will follow-up by contacting the churches for updates after receiving the list from Lilly.

Committee Members Vacancy(s) and Applicant(s)

Rafael has applied for the vacant member position and his application will be reviewed by the Vacancy Review Board this month. If the application is recommended for appointment, it will be placed on the council agenda for two consecutive meetings, prior to becoming effective. The committee is pleased with the possibility of additional outreach to the Latino faith-based community.

FBAC & Faith Community Impact on the City

Dan suggested a survey study with the faith-based community to gather feedback regarding the capacity in which churches are serving the city as a whole and departments within the city. Several attendees shared their experience involving slim response from churches when attempting to reach out. Councilor



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Hayward mentioned a Facebook post on the city's account would allow individual church attendees to respond. James suggested city departments be invited to the committee meetings to share ideas of ways to serve. Dan and Terry will coordinate their church lists to compile a master list.

Faith & First Responders Event Update

Terry stated that after several years of partnering with the Kiwanis Kids Day, this year the event will be different. This year's event is being combined with the I Love My City activities on May 17 at McKenzie Park.

Food Insecurities Update

Dan reported the most recent quarterly lunch in October saw ten organizations represented. The next meeting is scheduled for later in January.

When asked, Jessalyn noted that there was an abundance of people helping at Stepping Stones in the month of December, but January has slowed considerably, with no one signing up to prepare meals. They are doing well using their reserved food, feeding approximately 40 meals a night.

Next Meeting

After discussing the accountability benefits of more frequent meetings, James moved, and Dean seconded to meet in February and March and then reevaluate meeting frequency. Motion passed. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 4 at 4:00PM in the large conference room at City Hall.

Minutes

No action was taken on the November 2024 minutes. No Meeting was held in December.

Adjournment

There was no other business, and the meeting was adjourned in prayer at 4:53pm.