

Meeting Minutes – Community Assessment Response Task Force

October 16, 2013 – HIGHER GROUND CAFE – 7:00 p.m.

1. Additions to the Agenda

- a. Mark Sasges email – Head of flood planning department. The city wants to send out furnace information and make sure everyone has one. There's a special way to winterize a flooded house. The city is going to talk to us when they have an idea about how to get abandoned homes winterized. Karla and Jodi will address this issue by going back to the abandoned homes with information about winterizing an uninhabitable home. If there's water in the pipes or in the foundation, the cold weather with crack and burst.

2. Red Cross Support in Sunnyside – Welcome Aliusha, Justin and Matt!

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Trying to connect with neighbourhood associations to gauge progress and how they're doing in flood recovery. They have been in every community affected by the flood. Currently, they are in recovery stage helping with basic needs, ex. helping those who have been displaced or need rent support. They also have teams in Siksika, High River and Lethbridge. They rely heavily on partnering with the community to finding people who fell through the cracks.

Already making connection to help people on the ground navigate DRP and other programs that can help. They took on the roll of registering for funding. 53,000 names, handed out around \$16 million. Red Cross is willing to share information on who in Sunnyside has applied for DRP funding, which will help us distribute our funds appropriately. Red Cross covers need, not loss. They give money, not food or items.

Want to set up a day where Justin and Aly are here (at HSCA, Higher Ground or their offices) and interested community members can come to them. We're worried about people getting door-knocked too often. With our survey, the province and election doorknockers, people might be getting frustrated or upset. This way, those interested can come to them. We'll put an announcement out on the Facebook page or email list. Red Cross needs to connect with the province and discuss what has already been addressed and what needs still have to be addressed in the community. We need to know how this is different, what exactly if being offered, how people can apply, and who qualifies. Willing to help with disaster preparedness, both community-wide and individually.

If you're still in need, call Red Cross Case Workers at 403-261-6200

We can make an application form (name, insurance, if they have DRP, what their need is, etc.) Red Cross is going to share information with us, only the necessary information we as an association can use and respond to. Whether or not we want to have a session on Red Cross session, but it might not be a need because their objectives are so specific.

Post-traumatic stuff, need for information and clarity. Red Cross will let us know what we should advertise and what they have to offer.

3. United Way Day of Caring – If any updates

- a. We need about 10 volunteers for two days. We haven't gotten an update from Heather, since last week. Still waiting for a response.

4. Survey Update

- a. Election

We asked if we could have a table, they said no. We're trying to figure out a way to get around the rule. We need to get as many surveys as possible and this could be a great opportunity to do that. We can set up table in the parking lot and Carla can handle the table until 6pm, we still need someone to cover 6-8pm. Great opportunity to get survey's done.

5. Response

- a. Calgary Foundation Application

Our big question, can we put in more than one application because we have more than one need in the community. We can put in two applications on two separate days. We need to hand in one on the 25th. We're wondering what to put in an application for. We could apply for funding for volunteer appreciation, or the community board (where are interests are highest right now). The community board is already written up so it would make it easier for us. We could maybe incorporate the crisis café event into volunteer appreciation. Apply for ongoing support for needs assessment, i.e. keeping on our grant staff past December. That would allow us to get the support we need in the long-term. Karla is going to do a first draft on Friday and meet with Quentin and the team to discuss or add elements. A face-to-face with Quentin would be beneficial because he writes grant proposals often. The next meeting is just a grant meeting for those interesting in helping with grant stuff.

Next meeting, October 23 at Higher Ground Café at 7pm – Grant proposal