



Vision Statement "A safe and healthy community"

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Wednesday, December 11, 2019 • 10:30-noon
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10:30: The president, Jack Wheatley, called the meeting to order.

Self-introductions were done by all attendees. In attendance, we had the following individuals:, Elisa Lara, Tina Link, Jessica Reed, Jenny Wagner, Jack Wheatley, Jared Erickson, Gil Feliciano, Michael Renner, Beverly Johnson, Dianna Manjarrez, Bob Whitt, Andre Lozano, and Marija Hegel.

10:35: Gil Feliciano shared a video regarding what substance misuse prevention is and how it applies to the coalition. A brief discussion followed.

10:55: Gil Feliciano shared his report. This included highlights from the past month, including the Reflejos award, EPD youth prevention video, City Council voting update regarding marijuana in Elgin, and the Cannabis community conversation with EPD. He also shared there are several upcoming events, including the Ellis Middle School Winter Fest, the Underage Drinking Town Hall Meeting with Broken Chains Counseling, and the Elgin High School Prom assembly in the spring.

11:05: President Jack Wheatley shared a brief summary of the executive committee report. Jack mentioned that the executive committee discussed two topics: how to get more buy in from coalition members and potentially reducing the size of the executive committee.

Elisa motioned to keep the size of the executive committee the same. Marija seconded the motion. A discussion followed including recommending the executive committee lead the action groups, bringing more action to general meeting despite the size, and how the grant does not require any certain size. A vote was taken and motion failed; there were 1 yes, 8 nos, and 2 abstentions.

A motion was made to reduce the executive committee to three individuals, a president, vice president, and treasurer. Bob Whitt seconded this motion. A vote was taken and motion passed with 10 yeses, 0 nos, and 1 abstention. A brief discussion followed about examining the role of the executive committee and bringing recommendations to the larger group.

11:30: President Jack Wheatley led a discussion on the strategy for the Illinois Youth Survey. The idea was proposed to bring each principal of an Elgin middle or high school a gift basket with information regarding the IYS. The individual delivering the basket would then request a 15 minute conversation with the principal to discuss the survey further. Gil asked for volunteers to contact the principals, especially if there are any individuals who know the principals. The Kane County Health Department has two people working on recruitment for the IYS in addition. Volunteers were recruited to contact the schools. The suggestion was made and agreed on to wait until January to give the gift baskets, as the last week of school before winter break is a busy time for the schools.

MISSION - Coalition for a Safe & Healthy Elgin:

To promote a safe and healthy community free of violence and substance abuse activity through education, prevention, and action.

11:50: Open Floor for Discussion:

- Marija Hegel shared the tobacco coalition has been putting together resource folders for quitting tobacco use, including vaping.
- Jack Wheatley shared several events that are happening at Greater Grace Community Church.

12:00: Meeting was adjourned.