

S3 Community Engagement and Outreach Committee 9-1-20 Zoom Meeting

Members present: Ruth Price, Cindy Hall, Karen Kennedy, Stan Holt, John Kirkman, Marcia Johnson, Gabby Murillo, Max Dolan, Wayne Chew

Cindy Hall, Chair of the committee, ran the meeting. Committee discussed:

1. Rachel is editing our panel recording to make it shorter than one hour. We will also have clips available for special interest groups.
2. It was decided to put together a virtual Veteran's Day panel discussion talking about the challenges faced, systems at play, Rehousing, involving NC Works, Veterans Nation, NC Serves. There will be a planning call with Max Dolan, new veteran rep from the Enrichment Center, Gabrielle Sanders. It was agreed that several articles would be submitted to the Rant, and the Sanford Herald, about vets experiencing homelessness at the end of October before elections.
3. Ruth and Tamara met and signed a letter to all local candidates asking them to respond to the S3 question on homelessness in Lee County. These will be posted on the website. A sit-down meeting will be requested with Rant editors Gordon Anderson and Billy Liggett by Ruth and Tamara. A meeting with the Sanford Herald editor will be held by Ruth, Marcia, and Cindy.
4. Karen reminded all nonprofits that the county has grants available due to Covid-19.
5. Time was spent on the Google Doc generated by Stan to talk about what is working and what is not working. Committee was able to type in different ideas.
6. Discussion was held about those staying in abandoned warehouses, the difficulty in finding affordable housing, a need for a list of affordable housing, how panhandling is handled, educating people on 211.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 8:30am on Zoom.