


Agenda Report Reviewed by:

City Manager: 

**CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA REPORT**

Meeting Date: October 6, 2020
To: Honorable Mayor and Honorable City Councilmembers
From: Vice Mayor Glass
Subject: Receipt of Report of Gravenstein Health Action and Recommendation to Schedule City Council Liaison Appointment to a Future City Council Meeting
Recommendation : That the Mayor and City Council Receive the Report and Recommendation
Funding: Currently Budgeted: _____ Yes _____ No XX N/A
Net General Fund Cost: N/A
Amount: \$0
Account Code/Costs authorized in City Approved Budget (if applicable) AK (verified by Administrative Services Department)

Introduction/Purpose: This item is to request that the City Council Receive the Report of Gravenstein Health Action and Recommendation to Schedule City Council Liaison Appointment to a Future City Council Meeting.

Background:

The Gravenstein Health Action Coalition is a partnership of local leaders, organizations, and individuals dedicated to improving health & wellness in Sebastopol, Graton, and Occidental/Freestone, CA.

The coalition is connected to the Countywide Health Action effort, which focuses on three impact areas:

- a long and healthy life
- educational attainment
- a comfortable standard of living

The Gravenstein Health Action Chapter, a subcommittee of PDHCD as defined in the by-laws has been in place for 5 years. It has been providing District residents community health services designed to mitigate the need for emergency medical intervention and services which have become important to District residents and that they have come to rely on since 2015. The program has grown in participation and public support each year. Mindful of community health and medical needs, the chapter has formed a coalition of various agencies and community members that provide services and continue to build on the GHAC track record to address disparities and build equity.

Active GHAC partners have included City of Sebastopol, West County Health Centers, Senior Center, West County Schools (Analy High School and Gravenstein School District), West County Community Services, Sebastopol Fire Department, Farmer’s Market, Graton Fire Department various County agencies, and County Health Action.

Agencies and programs that currently rely on funding, volunteers, or staff coordination from GHAC and that would benefit from proposed program support include:

- West County Community Services for mental health homeless services
- City of Sebastopol – mental health at the teen center and Covid-19 masks
- Senior Center – Foot Care, Fall Prevention/Balance classes
- Burbank Heights – Foot Care
- Sonoma County Resilience Collaborative for disaster recovery and mental health

- Blood Pressure Screening/Education Program

The Palm Drive Health Care District (PDHCD) approved the dissolution of the District at the regular meeting of the Board in February 2020. In transition of GHA Chapter to a Coalition consideration has been given to the important elements of structure, community involvement, transparency, and sustainability. The primary concern is the fulfillment of the Health Action mission and vision of ongoing health programs for the community.

The Gravenstein Health Action Coalition is now an approved 501 3(c). Their Mission and Vision are listed below:

- MISSION: Mobilize community partnerships and resources to achieve equity and to improve health and well-being for all in West Sonoma County
- VISION: West County is a healthy place for all residents to live, work, play and belong

DISCUSSION:

The item tonight is to receive the report and schedule City Council Liaison Appointment to a Future City Council Meeting.

As the Council liaison to the Health Action Committee, I have been asked to be on the Board of the newly formed Gravenstein Health Action Coalition. The Coalition will work to ensure that the priorities of the coalition reflect a broader vision that will include a Board of Directors, partners and community members that can address community conditions and disparities on a systems level.

At this time, as the current City Council liaison to the former Gravenstein Health Action under Palm Drive, I will continue as the City Council liaison until the next City Council meeting where the City Council and Staff Committee assignments are reviewed for the upcoming year. This meeting is typically held the first or second meeting in December. Although it does not appear that this would be a conflict of interest, the perception of it could be perceived that way. Therefore I would request discussion of appointment at the next City Council Meeting where City appointments are discussed.

By appointing a Council liaison to the coalition, the City will have a strong voice for advocacy and furthering community engagement and active involvement with all diverse groups in the West County community. It is imperative that the City continue to be actively involved in the health of not only our community, but also our neighboring communities and strive to provide services to address disparities, build equity, identify priority health and health care issues and to develop specific recommendations on local approaches to promote the health of our community.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comments have been received as of the writing of this staff report.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

This item was noticed in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and was available for public viewing and review at least 72 hours prior to scheduled meeting date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with the recommended action tonight.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the City Council Receive the Report of Gravenstein Health Action and Recommendation to Schedule City Council Liaison Appointment to a Future City Council Meeting.

Attachments:

None