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The Happy Valley Neighborhood Association and Western Washington University's Human Services Program met to plan a community survey about Happy Valley Park, covering the survey format, distribution strategy, and key deadlines. The group identified several target stakeholder groups and distribution channels, including community meals, PTAs, and local organizations, with data collection prioritized around the November 15th community meal. Team members were assigned outreach tasks, and the survey has been finalized and is ready for distribution, with students set to present their findings in December.

Next Steps

- Briana: Reach out to NSEA and Wild Whatcom to disseminate the survey.
- Briana: Send the survey link and poster to Jim W to post on the HappyValleyNA.org website and link to the WWU WAVE account.
- ChristinaVW: Invite the Parks Subcommittee to the student presentation on December 1st or 3rd, providing a Zoom link and details.
- ChristinaVW: Keep Briana apprised of survey analysis as new data comes in after the quarter ends.
- ChristinaVW: Confirm with Natea and her group their availability to attend and help with surveys at the October 13th board meeting, October 18th community meal, and October 24th work party.
- ChristinaVW: Connect Briana with Dr. Nicole Torres regarding potential eco-psychology class connections in Spring.
- Courtney: Reach out to the principals of Lowell, Sehome, Happy Valley Elementary, Parent Partnership, and Hillcrest daycare/after-school program to disseminate the survey.
- Wendy: Contact Shovia and the Housing Authority Director to disseminate the survey to Varsity Village residents, coordinating with Courtney for outreach.
- Wendy: Disseminate the survey to Cohousing residents, using contacts like Ed Simmers and Leslie Rigg.
- All: Begin distributing the updated survey ASAP.
- All: Attend the next Parks Subcommittee meeting on Tuesday, November 3rd at 7 PM.