

## Southside Green Zone Task Force

February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 5:00-8:00PM

Open Arms of Minnesota, 2500 Bloomington Ave

### Meeting attendees:

Working Group Members Present: Abé Levine, Aiden Yano, Joe Bernard, José Luis Villaseñor, Karen Clark, Michael Goze, Nimo Mohamed, Patrick Hanlon, Steve Schacht, Thamyr Golafaie, Tyler Sit

City Staff: Kelly Muellman, Isabelle Ballet, Tamara Downs Schwei

Facilitators: Etonde Awaah, Laura LaCroix-Dalluhn

Guests: Amelia Brown, Alisa Hoven, Silas Leasman, Carrie Lindeberg, Armel Martin, Cassandra Meyer, Brad Pass, Carol Pass, Say Yang, Sean Gosiewski

Working Group Members Unable to Attend: Brian Smith, Christina White, Michelle Chavez

### Meeting Objectives:

1. **Receive Community Engagement report on activities and information gathered related to SGZ topics and recommendations.**
2. **Complete Air, Water, and Soil Quality recommendations review & action item development.**
3. **Begin review and action item development of Healthy Food Access recommendations.**

## Opening Circle

## Recap & Agenda

## Community Engagement Update – Alisa and Carrie

- The group was asked to think about and discuss what they have shared about Green Zones to others, what they have heard back in response and if they have not shared much about the work taking place, why was that? Following these questions groups reported back. It was noted that Green Zones are complicated to talk about and how one member had created a short-version and longer version of how to describe Green Zones to someone unfamiliar with the initiative.
- Alisa and Carrie highlighted the events that Hope is holding inviting the group to come and attend, including Green Zones 101 – a place to learn more about the topics that are being discussed for the event – and Community Partner meetings for Task Force members and folks interested in hosting their own Green Zone engagement activity. Hope has created a handout (flyer) to share out with the community.
- The yellow and green primers handed out at the meeting included summaries/narratives from community members that were gathered at one of Hope Communities meetings. The draft Work Plan of air, water and soil quality items includes sticky notes of comments directly from community members that attended a Green Zone 101. Carrie and Alisa shared important quotes from these conversations. This information is important for the Task Force members to remember in developing Work Plan action items and process.

## Review Air, Water, and Soil Quality Action Items

The large group split up into two smaller groups to address recommendations in the Work Plan

**Group one** (facilitated by Laura) - focused on Air, Water and Soil Quality Recommendations 5, 6, 10

**Group two** (facilitated by Etonde) - focused on Air, Water and Soil Quality Recommendations 8, 9, 10

Questions for discussion:

- The groups looked at are these recommendations/ resources/ dreams and items that we want to consider including in the work plan?
- What institutions/ entities have the most influence over this recommendation?
- What else do you need in order to create action items related to this resource/ recommendation?

See notes from conversation included in the [attached Draft Work Plan](#).

## Break

## Start Developing Healthy Food Access Action Items

Groups 1 and 2 moved on to address Healthy Food Access Recommendations 1, 2 and 3.

As the city's food policy coordinator, Tamara Downs Schwei was present to help give more guidance and information on current initiatives and work being done.

## Closing Circle and Evaluation

8:00 PM

Adjourn

**Next meeting:** March 20<sup>th</sup> 5:00-8:00PM

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