

Southside Green Zone Task Force

March 20th, 2018 5:00-8:00PM

Open Arms of Minnesota, 2500 Bloomington Ave

Meeting attendees:

Working Group Members Present: Abé Levine, Aiden Yano, Brian Smith, Darius Gray, Joe Bernard, José Luis Villaseñor, Karen Clark, Michael Goze, Michelle Chavez, Nimo Mohamed, Patrick Hanlon, Steve Schacht, Thamy Golafaie, Tyler Sit

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

Facilitators: Etonde Awaah, Laura LaCroix-Dalluhn

Guests: Alisa Hoven, Cassandra Meyer, Carol Pass, Shirley Heyer, Nicky Leingang, Lee Samelson, Lena Jones, Julie Larsson, Jennifer Melin

Working Group Members Unable to Attend: Christina White

Meeting Objectives:

1. **Receive Community Engagement report on activities and information gathered related to SGZ topics and recommendations.**
2. **Complete Healthy Food Access action item & work plan development.**
3. **Begin review and action item development of Health and Energy in Housing community engagement primer & recommendations.**

Opening Circle 5:00pm

Recap & Agenda

Community Engagement Update – Alisa

- The group was asked to think about what information they are sharing about Green Zones and if there are people that they should try and reach out to more.
- Task Force members suggested that it would be helpful to have a postcard to handout to people with all of the Green Zone 101's and meeting dates.
- Alisa reported back that community is excited about tackling issues brought up in the Healthy Food Access action items and can see how they as community can lead the change. When looking at the action items within Health and energy in Housing community wants to see the City and landlords held accountable.

- Community is curious if a Green Zone expires? Want to understand the longer timeline for implementation. In response to this Task Force members are wondering if the work plan timeline can be extended through August 15th so that more time is allowed to work through policies.

Review Healthy Food Access Action Items

- The large group split up into two smaller groups (1,2) to address recommendations in the Work Plan.
- Both groups looked at the four recommendation areas: 1. Enable renters to garden, 2. Grow products locally and create and sell value-added products in the community, 3. Partner with active organizations in local food and the associated action steps, and 4. Additional items
- 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

Break

Start Developing Health and Energy in Housing Action Items

- Health and Energy in Housing recommendations were split between group 1 and 2

Group 1 (facilitated by Etonde) focused on recommendations 2, 5,6

Group 2 (facilitated by Laura) focused on recommendations 1,3,4

- 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**.

Closing Circle and Evaluation

Adjourn 8:00 PM

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 3rd 5:00pm-8:00pm

Abbot Northwestern Education Building (26th Street E & Chicago Avenue)