

Meeting Minutes

Southside Green Zone Meeting
Thursday, August 9, 2018
5:30-7:30PM
Little Earth Gym "Group Room"
2501 Cedar Ave South Mpls. MN 55404

Meeting attendees: Brad Pass, Abe Levine, Cassandra Holmes, Viviana Rodriguez, Charles Frempong-Longdon, Aiden Yano, Juli Leerssen, Stephen Schacht, Cassandra Meyer, Kameron Lindsey, Dania Marin-Ganlan, Reynaldo Diaz, Jose Luis Villasenor, Say Yang, Karen Clark, Kelly Muellman

Meeting Objectives:

- Define a working structure for community leadership
- Develop criteria and next steps for hiring Organizer and paying community partner stipends

(1) Opening Circle

Everyone introduced themselves, spoke to the reason or passion for attending, and shared what they did for National Night Out on Tuesday

(2) Recap of last meeting - spending recommendations

Kelly recapped the discussion from the previous meeting, including the spending recommendations of \$75,000 to go to a full-time organizer in community, approximately \$17,000 to support several community organizations and/or leaders to support the organizing, and \$3,000 for scholarships to the EcoDistrict Summit in October 2018 in Minneapolis.

Kelly took notes on the continued conversation/decision-points related to the number of community organizations and/or leaders and how much they would receive for support and what the expectations would be for them. There was general agreement around the following details:

- 12 individuals
- Each would receive ~\$1,200
- Expectations:
 - help hire/select the organizer,

- support the full-time organizer once hired (connections, strategies (e.g., door-knocking), etc.)
- commit to attend and lead Southside Green Zone meetings,
- help organizer find more resources (grants, etc.) for Southside Green Zone

(3) Structure of Task Force moving forward

The group discussed whether or not City staff should be on the Green Zone Task Force going forward. There was agreement that staff are helpful to answer questions, and may need to be appointed to the Task Force to get them to buy-in and attend, but that they not have voting authority.

The group discussed whether Task Force members should be required to be residents, or if it is okay that they can demonstrate a strong connection to the community (e.g., work in area, former resident, life-long activist on related issues, etc.). There was a few who noted that opening up the Task Force to visitors/non-residents can provide for other perspectives and experiences to be shared. No decision was made.

(4) Financial Sponsor for Funds

Kelly noted that the \$17,000 needs to be spent by the end of August and the \$75,000 from the City's budget must be spent by the end of the year. The City has strict requirements for insurance for contractors and it would be easiest to find a fiscal sponsor for the funds. A few of the attendees agreed to check-in with their non-profit Boards and see if they would be willing to be fiscal sponsors for the Southside Green Zone funds and what administrative fee (if any) they would need to charge.

The group agreed to reconvene on Thursday, August 16 from 6-8PM at Little Earth to continue the conversation after checking in with their Boards.

Meeting adjourned around 8pm.