

Meeting Minutes

Southside Green Zone Meeting
Thursday, August 23, 2018
7:00-9:00PM
Hope Community – Board Room
611 East Franklin Ave, Mpls. MN 55404

Meeting Attendees: Kelly Muellman, **Abe Levine**, Maryan Abdinur, Carrie Lindberg, Elizabeth Regalado, **Darius Gray**, Shruthi Kamisetty, **Karen Clark**, **Jose Luis Villasenor**

[2017-2018 Task Force members in **bold**]

Recap of Past Two Task Force meetings

- Recommendation that \$75k (2018 City funds) go to full-time community GZ organizer. Needs more thought about who should host these funds. (Discuss on Sept 6)
- Recommendation that \$14,400k (remaining grant funds) go to \$1,200 stipends for 12 community TF members. Recommendation that Tamales y Bicicletas will be fiscal sponsor for these funds. Requires 3% admin fee.

Discuss “Task Force” Changes

- Task Force (or whatever it is called going forward) composition:
 - 12 community members
 - Residency in Green Zone is strongly preferred. Exceptions may be made if person is an organizer/works in the Green Zone on issues directly related to Green Zones activities.
 - Community Steering Team representative will be included, but will not be a voting seat. More of a resource/liaison. May rotate among CST members (Say Yang, Maryan Abdinur, etc.)
 - Ensure balance of Cedar Riverside residents/community (at least 3, ideally more)
 - Rather than specific seats being set aside for different representatives, ensure that representation includes community members interested in EJ, experts in resiliency and health, businesses focusing on EJ practices, and that special attention is given to bringing in community who have been impacted by displacement, housing instability and cumulative environmental health impacts.
 - 4 City reps
 - Non-voting seats
 - From Departments that hold power, resources and relevant to Green Zone activities (Health, Public Works?, Planning and Economic Development?, Regulatory Services?)

- Does Sustainability fit as one of the 4 reps, or is that a separate “admin” role? (Discuss at next meeting)

Next Steps:

- Kelly & José Luis/Tamales y Bicicletas will work on contract to transfer \$14,400 for Task Force stipends

On Sept 6 we will continue the conversation and cover:

- Task Force term length and term limits (if desired)
- Name of “Task Force” (Green Zone Leadership Council???)
- Responsibilities of Task Force members; agreement in order to receive stipend
- Leadership structure: co-chairs, executive committee, facilitator(s), etc.?
- Role of Sustainability/Green Zone Coordinator - as one of the 4 City reps, or a separate “admin” role?
- Roles, Responsibilities and Hiring of Green Zone community organizer