

Southside Green Zone meeting  
September 6, 2018 6:30-8:30PM  
Phillips Community Center

## Meeting Notes

**Attendees:** José Luis Villaseñor (phone), Steve Schact (phone), Juli Leerssen, Alondra Cano, Ahmed Hirsi, Aisha Gomez, Cassandra Meyer, Steve Sandberg, Shirley Hayer, Maryan Abdinur, Ansha Zaman, Say Yang, Abé Levine, Kelly Muellman

**Opening Circle:** Name, whether you represent yourself or an organization, and your connection to Green Zones (why are you here?)

### **EcoDistricts- October 17 & 18, 2018**

- 6 Scholarships available
- Recruitment for scholarships
  - Personal Ask
  - Email to people who have been involved (GZ 101s or Kelly's list)
- Decision Making
  - At Sept 20 meeting, anyone who has not applied for scholarship will approve scholarship recipients
  - prioritizing people who have been in process and also prioritizing representation that matches neighborhoods (racial diversity), people connected to the Green Zones work, preferably a resident of the Green Zone, with demographic and geographic distribution within the Southside Green Zone.

What is the EcoDistrict Summit?

EcoDistrict vision: Just, resilient and sustainable cities, from the neighborhood up.

EcoDistrict Mission: At EcoDistricts, we're advancing a new model of urban regeneration and community development rooted in a relentless commitment to authentic collaboration and social, economic and ecological innovation. Our work is powered by the growing number of inspired urban change makers that are reimagining the future of cities.

The 2018 EcoDistricts Summit will feature a fantastic lineup of speakers, panelists and advisors who will help unpack key challenges, opportunities, and diverse approaches to neighborhood- and district-scale development in Minneapolis-St. Paul and beyond.

To see the 2+ day line up of events go to <http://www.summit.ecodistricts.org/>

Dates: October 17 & 18

Location: University of MN, McNamara Alumni Center

What are you committing to in order to receive a scholarship?

- Be able to attend all of 2+ days of events (or most of it)
- Pre-meeting with other Green Zone attendees to plan what workshops to attend
- Post-meeting debrief at a following Green Zone meeting to share what you learned that could be applied to the Southside Green Zone
- Continue to be involved in the Southside Green Zone

### **Task Force Structure**

- Name of "task force": Southside Green Zone Council
- Roles and Responsibilities:
  - Facilitate Southside Green Zone meetings

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- Help craft the position description for the Organizer
- Be the decision-making committee for reviewing applications/hiring the Organizer
- Support the Organizer based on strengths/interests:
  - Fundraising
  - Policy development
  - Building base (community members/participants)
  - Engagement
  - Aggregate resources
  - Resources for self-care
- Participate on committees/working groups
- Role of Sustainability/Green Zone Coordinator: Kelly will continue with administrative support (taking notes, scheduling meetings, etc.) and connecting the Council with City activities, process and overall coordination
- Task Force term length and term limits - will discuss next meeting
- Leadership structure: co-chairs, executive committee, facilitator(s), etc. - Council will decide for themselves
- Application and vetting process for Task Force members and stipend recipients - will discuss next meeting

### General Discussion Notes

- What is perception of the Green Zones from the Little Earth community as well as in general American Indian community who's been working on encampment issues for example?
- Little Earth is a distinct community (received NRP funds from Phillips neighborhoods when they split)
- Robert Lilligren from NACDI is/may be interested in Green Zones
- Create a Southside Green Zone listserv that people can self-subscribe to
- Offer information about how people can get involved/participate. What does it mean to participate?

### Roles, Responsibilities and Hiring of Green Zone community organizer

- Position Description: be intentional and not too prescriptive, e.g., don't require 2 years of data management and not count something like managing a warehouse.
- Support for the Organizer:
  - Intern (if funds available)
  - Multiple organizers (maybe in the future with additional funding)
  - Build their network/leadership of Council