

Meeting notes - Built Environment Momentum Team Meeting
Monday, August 31, 2009

1. Introductions.

2. Discussion of Compilation of Community Priorities.

Kathleen Ferrier prepared a 'compilation of community priorities' based on various planning documents prepared for City Heights or Mid City in recent years. Some of the resources included were Mid City Community Plan, City Heights Redevelopment Project Area Implementation Plan, Safe Routes to Schools plan, City of San Diego Pedestrian and Bicycling Master Plans, Azalea Park/ Hollywood Park Neighborhood Plan..

From these, community priorities were organized in various themes such as: neighborhood safety, public transit, recreation and open space, healthy foods and sustainable agriculture.

Some suggestions for additions were:

- Add HOUSING as a major category.
- Provide info on status of the various priorities outlined.
- Provide info on which organization is currently championing/ where potential funding is coming from.
- Add priorities from City of San Diego General Plan.
- Add additional relevant access to healthy foods and sustainable agriculture priorities.

Some suggested uses for this resource were:

- Use as backup information for future funding requests made by non-profit organizations, i.e. shows community support to actualize the vision.
- Helps momentum team get its 'ducks in a row' and be better prepared/ better informed for upcoming meetings with residents.
- Helps monitor whether historic community priorities are being implemented. City Heights has history of creating plans. They need implementation!
- Shows where potential gaps exist in services/organizational programming meeting resident priorities.
- Connect with resource/ organizational interest information Ellee put together in previous meeting.
- Combine with input received from House Meetings.
- Combine with surveys conducted by Proyecto de Casas Saludables.
- Use with community maps (i.e. where are parks located, access to transit) to clarify goals for City Heights.

Ellee discussed upcoming RFQ process with Redevelopment Project Area Committee (PAC):

- In order to maintain City Heights redevelopment dollars in City Heights and save them from being snatched up by the State due to its financial crisis, the PAC has recommended going through an RFQ process to offer community organizations an opportunity to (a) send in proposals to spend funding on projects related to Implementation Plan goals, (b) manage projects if funding is awarded.
- Grant amounts will be up to \$2,500.

- Approximately \$3-5 million will be set aside for infrastructure projects such as sidewalks and street lights. The intent is to set aside funding for these projects each year.
- The PAC hopes to hire an organizer/consultant to ensure projects meet the resident's needs.
- Progressive idea in funding allocation - meant to drive funds from a renters' perspective rather than traditional developer driven model.
- Ellee noted that will be important for organizations to manage funding appropriately throughout project life.

Ellee also mentioned an idea that came out of another momentum team recommending to Cal Endowment management team that all funding proposals to Cal Endowment go through a newly formed momentum team dedicated to reviewing all proposals and making final recommendations to Cal Endowment so as to centralize the recommendation process, ensure that resources are shared, and that residents are being engaged.

3. September 26 planning

Assignments were made:

There will be 4 experiences + 1 logistics team at the Built Environment Momentum Team 'booth':

- a) Where we live: Asking people (1) where do you live? (2) what do you like about where you live/ where are they?, and (3) what do you want to see improved?
 - Team members = Georgette, Meron, Meera
- b) Web showing how things within our environment are connected.
 - Team members = Kathleen, Sarah, Rich
- c) Historic photos documenting passing of time from 1920s to current.
 - Team members = Michelle, Joyce, Genoveva
- d) Logistics: booth/ activity setup, etc.
 - Team members = Ellee, Justin, Estela
- e) Watershed model: Sarah to bring from Coastkeeper

People were also assigned times to attend event:

Ellee: 10-2
 Genoveva 10-2
 Michelle 10-12
 Sarah 10-2
 Joyce 10-12
 Rich 10-12

4. Upcoming Cal Endowment meetings:

- Sept. 8: House Leaders Anti-Systemic Racism Training (6-9 p.m.)
- Sept. 11: All Team Mtg (9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.) - GENOVEVA ONLY
- Sept. 15: Momentum Team Anti-Systemic Racism Training (10 a.m.- 4 pm). Location TBD
- Sept. 26: Resident Engagement Open House, 10 am - 4 p.m.

**Next Built Environment Momentum Team Meeting:
 Monday, September 21, 1:00 IRC building**