

Minutes Built Environment 1/7/10

Those present:

Irasema , Rich, Valentina, Virginia, Kathleen, Deqa, Meera, Wendy, Justin, Michelle, and Judith.

Discussion about if we will keep time at night because of dropped attendance. We decided to work at outreach for the next meeting and then decide in February if we will keep time or not. We want to make sure our group is open to more people, especially residents.

We talked about what we want the group to look like in the future.

Report back from Gentrification Sub-committee:

Discussed plans for event at New Roots Farm that will take place at 2 PM on January 24th. Did some reading of an article about gentrification of Chinatown in New York City. The small group has decided to keep formal sub group going.

Report back from all-team meeting:

There was a discussion about how all of the different communities in California are doing in their planning process. City Heights was seen as a group to model after because of the resident engagement involved in the process. There was a CD passed out with examples from different communities in the US. Communities sampled were: Dudley Street: Boston, 5th City: Chicago, Brooklyn: El Puente, and Harlem's Children's zone. Irasema has the CD and the group plans to be able to pass it amongst ourselves and/or make copies of the CD so that we can all have access to it. Michelle and Irasema will make this happen.

Popular education:

Decided that popular education is a key component to our momentum team. Passed around list of possible topics that we would focus on in the future. We want to have event at New Roots Farm, and then gentrification forum. People signed up for a new Popular Education Sub-committee. We also want to know if we can present topics to the resident momentum team: 10-15 minute topics for the group to discuss.

- Kathleen will spearhead this new sub-group.
- Virginia will bring proposal to next resident momentum team meeting, which will be next Tuesday, January 12 at 5pm.

Logic Model:

Irasema explained her vision of what the logic model could look like. It's an organic process that outlines who we are, what we are doing, and where we want to go. The logic model can change. We simply want to make sure that we have something done by end-March.

We don't feel comfortable moving forward with a final version of a logic model because we don't have enough residents at the table. We do feel comfortable to outline a popular education and community organization plan that would be outlined in the logic model.

Youth development model (introduced by Irasema and discussed by group):

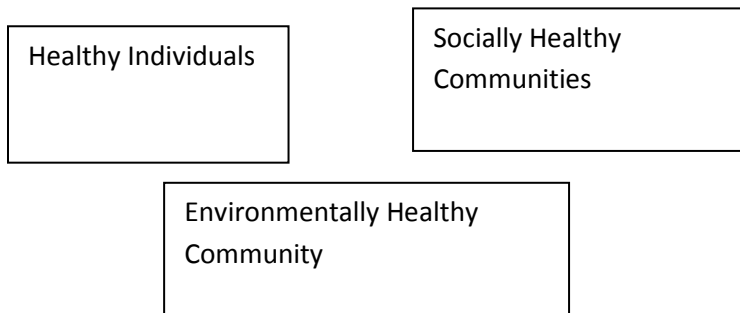
A youth development model and a community development model are two models that intersect. It is based on respect of youth, to make sure that they are listened to, and not talked down to. Youth are able to make their own decisions and are able to have equal power at the table as the adults. Youth are able to take responsibility and are able to have space be given to them. They will be able to have space to succeed as well as to fail. The key to a youth development model is that youth are given a buddy system with an adult partner.

To invite youth into the group is to allow them to **TAKE UP SPACE, HAVE A VOICE, AND TO BE GIVEN CHOICES.**

To invite youth into the group is to invite them to walk along with us. If we simply talk to them and don't allow them space, the project will not succeed.

Definition of a healthy community, as defined by the house meeting leaders:

Physical, mental, social, environmental. These three are inter-connected like a web.



We then did a visioning process where we tried to come up with a two sentence blurb to describe the group.

Next meeting: Thursday, January 21st. 5:30-7:30. Rich will try to see if the Wellness Center or the Mid City CAN offices are available. We will have food, translation, and child care available.