

Built Environment Momentum team meeting 4/1/10

Those in attendance: Georgette, Irasema, Michelle, Jayne, Brendon, Anastasia, Sandra, Lindsay, Jeanette, Sheila, Kathleen, Frank, Julie, Tony, Kendrick, Axel, Saima, Justin, Meera, Mary Beth, Wendy

Agenda:

1. Welcome, intros and announcements
2. Summary of process
3. Capacity Building
4. Working Session
5. Next Steps

Review:

Endowment set up 8 outcomes and momentum teams to address the outcomes attached to this process. We have two different outcomes attached to our team. We picked number 4 to focus on: land use, transportation and community development as a whole with the idea to focus on 8 as well inside of this outcome, because number 4 is related to job creation.

We created a working group to begin to discuss what our capacity building looks like because we need to have our proposal finished by the end of this month. This will be presented at the community congress in May.

We decided to create this working group so that we could do the extra work that needs to get done in order to complete this process. We will have the next meeting tomorrow am and will continue to bring this back to the larger group.

We broke into small groups to discuss and review draft document created by the small group.

Big questions generated from small group discussions:

1. Who is going to push this process forward?
2. Why should I care?
3. Should we focus on those who are already involved or should we focus on those who aren't involved yet?
4. What does outcome 4 mean when we begin to discuss capacity building for this outcome?

Large group discussion about the four big questions:

Defining outcome 4's goals? Tension between defining goals and not defining them at all. This group would like to lay out what wins can be winnable before trying to do capacity building and organizing that is laid out in this document.

Who is going to push this forward? We really don't know what this is going to look like.

There is a tension between leaving this defined by the community that is not involved yet and having us begin to work on defined short term goals to begin to give a sort of focus and axis to push it off in the right direction in order for the community to begin to define where we are going.

Educating people to understand what built environment is
Getting critical mass of people who know what built environment is
Understanding what processes need to be changed
Getting people to help work on changing this

Resident momentum team is going to continue on with this document that we are creating. They will be the group that will eventually guide this process.

We want to go to the resident momentum team and make sure that there is some buy in by the resident momentum team so that this document doesn't go straight into the trash.

Outcome 4's issues are issues that were identified in the surveys. How these get defined is not from us defining them. We are just creating these tools for the residents to be participants in this. We will add these issues to the document in the future.

There are more missing issues from this document. We are missing the sub issues that came from the surveys. We need to be more intentional for laying out our proposal in a specific way. This is the beginning of a process to be able to get to the goal. We just need to lay this out a bit more clearly.

We will go through the document, and then add the educational pieces that are needed in our capacity building.

Part of the task is to identify potential topics and educational pieces that are needed. We need to keep in mind the concept of health promoting and how it affects people's health and well-being.

Everything needs to be basic and taken to a human level.

From the Vietnamese community's standpoint, we are not even at the level to speak about health. We have to start very basic to cultural identity. We are talking about needing to make a place feel like home to people. Once you have a home, then people will begin to feel comfortable to begin to speak about their issues. Cultural identity and cultural symbols, community branding.

If it's not relevant, "why bother?" We have to look at the very small components, and see how this relates to systems change... The strategies need to be very low hanging fruit, very measurable, very basic, but in the back of our heads we need to always look at how this fits into system change and the bigger picture.

We keep putting this out as something that needs to be diverse, but how do we put this out there, how do we get people motivated to be able to get involved.

We will take information that was discussed in this meeting to the small group meeting tomorrow. We will continue to define and refine the document and bring it back to this meeting April 15, 5:30