



**Resident Momentum Team  
MEETING MINUTES  
(Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at the Wellness Center 4:30-6:30pm)**

Attendance: Anastasia Brewster, Armando Catano, Ayan Mohamed, Hamadi Jumale, Elizabeth Lou, Jeanette Neeley, Judith Ruvalcaba, Magda Colorado, Maria Carmona, Monica Leyva, Rosa Gutierrez, Virginia Angeles, Valentina Hernandez, Georgette Gomez, Marina Castelo, Elvia Maldujano, Nohelia, Bill and Saima

**Agenda:**

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Update
- 3) Icebreaker
- 4) Ground Rules
- 5) Tasks
  - a. Decision making structure
  - b. Who gets to vote
  - c. Select 2 reps (co-chairs) for the MT
  - d. Set a regular meeting time

Nohelia welcomed the group and began the meeting at 4:45 pm. The group was asked to introduce themselves and to share what they each do as volunteers in City Heights.

She also presented the timeline for the rest of the process. She mentioned that each of the momentum teams will create a logic model with the support of newly hired facilitators, and that the co-chairs of each team is to meet with their facilitator before their first logic model meeting in January. Nohelia encouraged HML and residents to participate in Mid-City CAN's elections on December 8<sup>th</sup> @ 8am and 6pm at the City Heights Wellness Center. An email will be forwarded on the Mi-City CAN email listserve regarding elections. She stated that the purpose of the meeting was to develop a structure where everyone can participate and to select 2 co-chairs to represent this momentum team at the All-team meeting at 9 am on December 11, 2009 (Price Charities Building 6<sup>th</sup> Floor).

Bill lead the group in a discussion about rules to operate with each other at these meetings. He introduced them to the Guiding Principles for the Planning Process which were written in the document titled, "Building Healthy Communities in City Heights: A Draft Proposal for the 9-month Planning Process." The following is the list of rules developed by the group.

- 1) Be inclusive.
- 2) Be Resident Driven.
- 3) Be Evidence-Based. Include the house meeting leaders in this process; Ayan, Jeanette and Anastasia showed interest in serving as analysts of the data gathered from the surveys.
- 4) Learning component (Build in feed back) self evaluation
- 5) Flexible see # 1 and 2.
- 6) Creative Risk Takers "Open to New Ideas" long range and youth participation new eyes and the importance of their opinion.

- 7) Create healthy sustainable community
- 8) Communication (ahead of time, provide the information on bulletins). These information need to emailed to people who do not attend meeting and also do phone calls.
- 9) Respect
- 10) Open for dialogue instead of debate
- 11) Create and utilize a parking lot
- 12) Validate everybody opinions to consensus, but make decisions through consensus.
- 13) Make a commitment to group which includes; courtesy, rule of absence “who gets to vote, active participation, and call ahead of time.
- 14) Create a calendar of meetings for the duration of this process.
- 15) Provide orientation for new participants to be effective partners. For example, new people participate after attending 2 consecutive meetings.
- 16) Be representative of City Heights residents leave your personal biases and bring City Heights inside. We need to consider those that are not here
- 17) This list is a work in progress and can always be updated.

### **The House Meeting Leaders Shared With Group**

1. Collaborative of the schools and other people are missing from the BHC process.
  - The House Meeting Leaders need to reach out to those focuses that are in “power” such as teachers, principals, nurse.... We need to bring those to the table to make effective change in the community.
  - Residents or power brokers? The answer was both
  - Who do we have to bring to the table to make changes?
  - Who has to be part of this group
  - What are the best ways to organize and bring new people to the process.
  - Who wants to create structure for this momentum team?
  - Changes should consider from the base not from the other side.
  - Some focus who are not attending meeting regularly they are dragging our effort.
  - Create ground rules for those who are not consistence.
  - We are agreeing to welcome everybody, but we need to bring speed to the process.
  - We want to move forward for the improvement of the City Heights community.

How do we make decisions presented by Mr. Bill. The group commented on the pros and cons of both models of decision-making.

### **The group developed a definition of consensus decision-making**

- Which helps the discussion move forward
- Consensus also has 5 levels of agreement.
- Before making a decision any disagreement is “hashed” out.

### **Majority Rule**

- This is a faster process

- 51% over 49%

The following proposal was developed and passed: When making a decision the group would do 2 rounds of consensus and if unable to reach an agreement the group would go to 2/3 vote of those present.

**The group also developed a proposal as to who would get to make decisions at meetings:**

1. All HML who completed mtg are accepted as members
  - a. HML who have come to mtgs. Defined by the attendance based on sign-up sheets.
2. AND Non-HML who attend 2 mtgs consecutively before vote.

Outstanding: More discussion is needed as to how to maintain membership in the process if planning to miss meetings. Suggestions included contacting staff to talk about notes, attend other momentum/resource team meetings and maintain contact with staff.

We decided to schedule our Resident Momentum Team meetings on first and third Tuesday's of the month from 5-7pm at the Wellness Center.

Jeanette and Virginia volunteered to represent the Momentum Team at the All-Team meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

Announcements

- The Build Environment meetings are the first and third Monday @ 5pm (Rm 108 at IRC)

The Resident Momentum Team next meeting is on Tuesday, December 15th at the Wellness Center from 5-7pm.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.