

West Side Voices: Food and Forum
November 13, 2018

Voting Members Present:

Signe Hushagen, Ellie Leonardsmith, Katie Haas, Martin Hernandez, Jennifer Varela, Zona Butler, Derek Johnson (6:40pm)

Community Members Present:

Bob Craft, Gail Merriam, Sue L., Mackenzie Dolo-Tolstoy, Carl Morton, Santiago F-G, Laurie Sovell, Karen Ollie, Rebecca Ollie, Donna Maeda

Guests Present:

Max Holdhusen (Ramsey County)
Juna Ly (Kitty Anderson Science Center)
Nora Bechemeyer (Kitty Anderson Science Center)

Staff Present:

Bahieh Hartshorn, Leah Shepard (note taker for main meeting)

Food and conversation starts at 6pm

Meeting Begins at 6:22pm

Explanation of meeting purpose

- to come together as community
- breakout into small groups for focus issues,
- get consensus on larger issues

Introductions

Explanation of meeting structure

Explanation of voting

Individuals residing in 55107 who attend meeting 3 consecutive times can vote, but everyone in the room can speak on issues

Staff Update

Max Holdhusen from Ramsey County speaks on the 2040 Plan

Funding streams and Social Services

Thinking about 9 chapters and projected demographics

3 lenses: Health in all policies, Racial Equity, Resiliency

Youth from Kitty Anderson Science Center commenting on plan

Public Comment Period open until Nov 27th

Max asks: what is important to the West Side

- Trash
- Street conditions

- Look at Equitable Development Scorecard
- Development without displacement
- safety and education (feeder programs)
- fresh foods
- built in accountability measures
- Walkability

Comment at <http://ramseycounty.us/2040compplan>

Explanation of Breakout Groups:

- Threshold Creation of this Group (when do we hear presentations, etc)
- Institutionalizing the Scorecard
- Energy Independence and Efficiency

Breakout Sessions Happen

Group comes back together at 7:50

Group Share Back:

Threshold Creation Group-

- will come up with Draft Template for pre-work when requesting a variance (inc: who benefits, have you spoken with neighbors, potential controversy) (ACTION ITEM)

Scorecard Group-

- Have someone from PED come in to talks about city internal process
- Where does scorecard live, at WSCO and city (PED or more?)
- What is threshold to using scorecard,
 - Anything that involves the city...
- How and who scores and evaluates scores
 - Developer?
 - Community?
 - community and developer?
 - who is the community
 - base group
 - additional folks directly impacted
 - how to get folks engaged?

Energy Group-

- Solar
 - Community solar meeting on Nov 17th
- Energy Efficiency
 - CEED Training
 - could be direct training or train the trainer

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- CEE
 - Pilot project, get landlords interested in improving building efficiency (West Side GreenStar Landlords something something)

Meeting ends at 8:02