

Equity Committee Meeting

Monday, May 6th, 2019

5:30-7:00PM, Seal Hi-Rise (825 Seal Street)

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Attending

Scott Simmons, Melissa Pappas, Kathryn Murray, Emily Rodriguez, Melissa Williams

Minutes/Agenda (5:30-5:40)

- National Night Out
- Review of 2040 plan
- Updates and Announcements

National Night Out (5:40-6:10)

A particular group of neighbors have done this in past years on Melissa Williams's block area (in Hampden Park). There are two more that we know of: one just north of the Raymond bridge right next to the railroad, and one on Raymond Avenue.

An idea: what if we did NNO at Seal on the lawn? Suggested that we contact Larry Ros, the building manager, to ask. Scott could likely apply a Thrivent grant. Because of some concerns from a few Seal residents about eating other people's cooking, we might try to purchase some commercially-produced food.

Melissa Williams will reach out to the group historically organized at Hampden Park to see if they'd be interested in merging with a Seal-based NNO. Melissa Pappas will check w/ the building manager at Seal. Scott will work on a Thrivent grant (will apply before June 15th). After we know more, Kathryn and Emily can check into having the nearby fire station visit. We'd need to print flyers and plan for some times to flyer the neighborhood (let's put that on the June agenda). We also discussed ways to reach neighbors who often aren't as connected for language or other reasons (including our Somali neighbors). Kathryn will check on other languages already on the flyer.

Review of 2040 plan (6:10-6:20)

Members of the committee individually reviewed both the feedback and the city's latest version of the 2040 Plan. There's a difference between adaptive change and technical finalization, and both are extremely important. The adaptive change that is central to equity work is both happening and (necessarily) ongoing, but we are very happy with the trajectory of both our community council and the city council in thinking about change in an inclusive, equitable manner. We are extremely grateful to the Land Use committee in particular for the specificity of their feedback to the city, but we don't necessarily have additional feedback to provide to the city on this current version.

Updates and Announcements (6:20-6:40)

- Choosing someone other than Melissa to facilitate the June meeting: Melissa Pappas will handle agenda, facilitating, and minutes.
- We do have a table at Mayfest, and we're still working on volunteers for tabling.
- Volunteers to table at the June Art Festival are being gathered (including Emily).
- We need to reach out to Urban Growler regarding whether they're doing their farmer's market again, as we'd like to support efforts toward making EBT usable there. Scott will send Jill @ Urban Growler a note to see what's happening on that front.
- The Catalyst fund deadline is June 12th. It's relate to healthy eating (but more about systems change); Kathryn will analyze whether it will be a good fit for our work around SAP Box.
- The Renter's Summit was packed, and SAP was well-represented!
- CURA research report on affordable housing will be happening in June.

Initial agenda items for June

- Flyering dates for NNO