



San Diego Promise Zone

Safety Working Group

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 | 2:30 – 3:30 PM

Via Zoom

Working Group Goal: To make a priority of safety in the San Diego Promise Zone

In Attendance

Access, City Council District 4, City of San Diego Economic Development Department, City of San Diego Planning Department, City of San Diego Public Library Department, Groundwork San Diego, Legal Aid Society of San Diego County, Nile Sisters Development Initiative, Paving Great Futures, Project AWARE, Second Chance, Social Advocates for Youth San Diego, South Bay Community Services, Southeastern San Diego Community Planning Group, and Valencia Park/Malcom X Library

Meeting Minutes

Welcome, Agenda Review, and Introductions

The goal of the conversation was for the attendees to identify methods and activities the Working Group can take to promote safety in the Promise Zone and to consider how to incorporate an equity lens in governance, planning, implementation, and evaluation.

2021 Strategic Planning Roundtable

Partners reviewed the 2016 Safety Working Group Strategic Plan for context regarding what objectives were identified, which included:

- Objective I: Make safety everyone's priority through community events and the use of technology to engage residents and inform community policing, restorative justice, culturally-responsive, and trauma-informed approaches
- Objective II: Advocate for infrastructure improvements that deter crime and improve the quality of community amenities to make the Promise Zone a safer place to live, play, and work

Partners discussed past activities, highlighting the success of collaborative work with the [Get it Done](#) App:

- Represents the intersection of the Working Group's 2016 strategic plan objectives
- Activities included app promotion in the community and facilitating opportunities for feedback. For example, the Safety Working Group sponsored an in-person event that provided approximately 35 residents the chance to give direct feedback to the Get it Done app developers
- Partners noted significant improvement to the app after Safety Working Group became involved
- App continues to be routinely highlighted at neighborhood community meetings

Partners identified key safety issues, many of which have been exacerbated during the pandemic.

Potential topics Partners suggested the Working Group focus on include:

- Safe spaces: Inclusive safe spaces that support physical, mental, and emotional safety
- Youth leadership: Youth internships and leadership programs; consider on the Partner-level to incorporate young people into Partner organizations' operations and leadership
- Digital inclusion: Use of technology to create safe spaces, digital literacy education, and addressing the changing nature of libraries
- Infrastructure: Lighting, business vacancies, and shopping centers/ strip malls
- Environmental health and justice: Compounded health issues, transportation, and flooding
- Crisis intervention: Drug abuse and mental health; intentional interventions to minimize interaction with legal system; outreach tactics to those in crises; and supporting the families of those undergoing crises

To create a priority of safety in the Promise Zone, Partners discussed the importance of activities, such as:

- Community responses: Prioritize community interventions and programming when possible
- Partner and resource directory: Menu of services that Partners can use to direct people to services
- Funding: Address inequities to ensure funding sources will provide equitable distribution
- Civic engagement: Engage with elected officials, local leaders, and planning groups
- Outreach: Address the layers of different ways to communicate with community members; engage youth to reach families
- Utilizing technology: Technology to create safe spaces; outreach to those community organizations are not seeing in person anymore
- Partnerships: Especially important with organizations changes in operations, funding, and staffing
- Communicating "the Promise": Sharing priorities and summaries of other Promise Zone working groups for Partners to understand scope of Promise Zone work

Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 | 2:30 – 4:00 PM

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