



San Diego Promise Zone

Safety Working Group

Tuesday, May 11, 2021 | 2:30 – 4:00 PM

Via Zoom

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

In Attendance

City of San Diego Public Libraries, City of San Diego Economic Development Department, City of San Diego Performance & Analytics Department, District 4, The League of Amazing Programmers, Legal Aid Society of San Diego County, Nile Sisters Development Initiative, Open Heart Leaders, Pillars of the Community, Project A.W.A.R.E, San Diego Workforce Partnership, Social Advocates for Youth (SAY) San Diego, SBDC, and Southeast Art Team

Meeting Notes

Welcome & Agenda Review

- Working Group Interim Co-Chair Staci Dent (San Diego Unified School District) framed the conversation as an opportunity to reorient the idea of safety for Partners and the need to place the utmost value to the lived experiences of residents when considering how Partners can work together to create a priority of safety in the Promise Zone.

Partner Announcements:

- **Project AWARE Bootcamps:** Mental Health and exercise program Monday through Friday at Chollas Lake from 8:00 PM- 9:00 PM. Email questions to Reginald Washington at reggie2065@gmail.com.
- **Legal Aid Society of San Diego:** Call 619-913-8599 to request a group presentation about Legal Aid Society's free legal resources.
- **Open Heart Leaders:** Services include youth programming, mentoring, mediation services, training seminars, and more.
- **Mental Health First Aid Training:** Free training that teaches participants warning signs, risk factors, and action plans. After completion, participants receive a certification that is valid for three years.
- **Public Libraries Free Hotspots:** Anyone over the age of 12 can rent free hotspots for up to 30 days.
- **San Diego Workforce Partnership (SDWP):** The [Career Center](#) has reopened with in-person services. SDWP also leads [free virtual workshops](#) daily. Contact Stephen Colón at stephencolon@workforce.org with questions.
- **Pillars of the Community:** Community-based broadband outreach in partnership with [SDAccess4All](#) will begin soon. Contact Laila Aziz at laila@potcsd.org with questions.

Southeast Art Team

Kim Phillips-Pea, President

- The Southeast Art Team promotes art as a way to:
 - Develop confidence and new passions
 - Support expression and creativity within communities
 - Help individuals tell their stories and work through trauma in a safe space
- Background:
 - Kim Phillips-Pea's journey into the arts was influenced by wanting to be close with her son, which progressed to supporting expression and creativity at a community level.
 - Southeast Art Team worked with Pillars of the Community, Diamond BID, SD 5K Hip-Hop, and Lincoln High School on community murals, events, and the opening of an art gallery.
 - The Southeast Art Team recently opened the Kali Artists Konnect Arts and Culture Center to provide a space for youth to express themselves and connect. The Kali Artists Konnect Arts and Culture Center offers film classes, and free arts and crafts.
- Attendees discussed possible ways to collaborate with and support Southeast Art Team, including potential partnerships with professionals that care for and manage trauma and mental health can help The Southeast Art Team.
- Contact Information:
 - Social Media: @popupgalleryatmarketcreekplaza @southeastartteam @kimberlyartshow
 - Email: kimberlyartshow@gmail.com
 - Websites: <https://www.kimberlyartshow.com/>; <http://southeastartteam.info/>
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Strategic Planning Discussion

- Attendees discussed:
 - How the arts influence safety;
 - The elements of safe communities;
 - The arts ability to unify and how art can be leveraged to increase economic activity, improve educational opportunities, reduce violent crimes, and enhance public health, and;
 - The importance of mental health.
- Kim Phillips-Pea shared best practices about implementing and fostering art-centric activities.
 - Best practices included consistency in outreach, ensuring appropriate available resources, having mentorship, and youth engagement.
- Possible arts-related activities discussed by attendees include:
 - Mentorship programs with local artists
 - Local art events and competitions
 - Promoting art for taggers that is safe and legal
 - Collaborating with local businesses to commission murals and display art
 - Connecting high school artists with local and national art scholarships
 - Building a Youth Arts Commission or similar coalitions
 - Bringing art to prisons

- Mental health-related activities discussed by attendees include:
 - An 8-hour training for a mental health certification for residents and Partners. A possible goal for the working group would be to train 1,000 individuals through the certification program.
 - Collaborating with Project AWARE, which works with opportunity youth on subjects including emotionally literacy, learning/developing basic social skills, and thorough self-examination.
- General activities and feedback as discussed by attendees to support the operations of organizations include:
 - Funding to ensure that Partners are receiving compensation
 - Find funding opportunities that align with Partner initiatives
 - Identify resources to coordinate with organizations
 - Acknowledge that community-based organizations are doing the boots-on-the-ground work and have already built substantial trust and relationships within their communities
 - Promote collaboration across different industries and focus areas

Next Steps & Closing Remarks

- City staff can commit to involving the Commission for Arts and Culture in these discussions.
- City staff can also facilitate grant alignment and applications with any Partner to get funding from other resources earmarked specifically for this type of work.
- Homework: Partners will obtain feedback from communities about safety and ideas around activities to create a priority of safety

Next Meeting

Tuesday, July 13, 2021 | 2:30 – 4:00 PM

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