



San Diego Promise Zone

Healthy Communities Working Group

Thursday, May 20, 2021 | 1:00 – 2:30 PM

Via Zoom

Working Group Goal: To increase access to healthcare and healthy foods.

In Attendance

Barrio Botany, Bayside Community Center, City of San Diego Council District 4, City of San Diego Economic Development, County of San Diego Health & Human Services, International Rescue Committee, Kate Sessions Trees, National Conflict Resolution Center, Office of Mayor Todd Gloria, Project New Village, San Diego Co-Harvest, San Diego Food System Alliance, San Diego Parks Foundation, Terra City Farms, University of California San Diego Center for Community Health, Urban Corps of San Diego County, Urban Food Equity, VA Dietetic, YMCA of San Diego County

Meeting Notes

Welcome, Agenda Review, and Introduction

Partner Announcements

- **Project New Village (Diane Moss):** Tito's Vodka renewed funding to Project New Village with an amount of \$30,000 for this year. Project New Village (PNV) plans to add a garden location on a ¼ to ½ acre property in Council District 4. Learn more about how Tito's Vodka has supported PNV in the past year: [Garden Refresh YouTube Video](#). For more information, contact Diane Moss at pnv.wellness@gmail.com.
- **Kate Sessions Commitment (Anne Fege):** Community garden members and schools are also eligible to receive free and low-cost trees from Kate Sessions Commitment. Contact Anne at afege@aol.com.
- **MAKE Project (Cynthia Quiñonez):** San Diego MAKE Projects will become a non-profit organization and separate from International Rescue Committee in the coming months.
- **Office of Mayor Todd Gloria (Stephanie Estrada):** The City is in the middle of budget season and the revise was recently released – www.sandiego.gov/finance/proposed.
 - Community Events: Mayor Todd Gloria is having "Meet Your Mayor" events to allow for the public to meet him. There was a [Council District 8 Town Hall](#) Thursday, May 20 with Councilmember Moreno.

- COVID-19 Vaccination Sites: www.sandiego.gov/covid-19-vaccination
- SDHC Rental Assistance Program: www.sandiego.gov/covid-19-vaccination
- **San Diego Promise Zone (Xio Crespo):** There will be no working group meetings in the month of June and there will be an All-Partner meeting on June 17 at 2:30 PM. AmeriCorps VISTAs Haley Wintsch and Allie Carter will be completing their year of service on June 7. Four new VISTAs will start their year of service on June 7

Upcoming Funding Opportunities

Lauren Welch, Urban Corps of San Diego County

- **MAKE Project (Cynthia Fuller-Quinonez, Local Direct San Diego):** The San Diego Fishermen are looking to expand sales of their products to farmers' markets either in the Promise Zone or in the South Bay. If anyone is pursuing relevant USDA grants, please reach out to Cynthia at cdfquinonez@gmail.com.

COVID-19 Vaccine Resources & Updates

Monique Bonniery, County of San Diego COVID-19 Response

- Vaccines Open to Minors: The COVID-19 vaccine is available to minors 12-17 years old now (Pfizer only).
- Host a Vaccination Event: [Apply here](#)
- Project SAVE: This is an effort to increase vaccine equity for all residents of San Diego County. If you are interested in these tabling efforts, contact Lizabeth Lopez at Lizabeth.Lopez@sdcountry.ca.gov.
- COVID-19 Safe Business Practices Certification: This is a certification course offered over 2-days on June 3 and June 4 to educate businesses to provide a safe environment for employees and customers.
- Updated Face Covering Guidelines: On June 15, the State of California plans to implement recent CDC guidance.
- Vaccinated-ONLY Section: Event venues may have fully vaccinated attendees seated in the same section as other fully vaccinated attendees (children <2 years of age are allowed in this section if they are tested) apart from tested attendees. Verification includes a physical or digital copy of the vaccination card.

Good Food Finder Presentation with Q&A

Elle Mari, emari@health.ucsd.edu, University of California San Diego Center for Community Health

- **Good Food Finder:** This is a new resource for farmers and customers to connect and allows customers to buy directly from San Diego County farmers. The resource started with 15 farms and now they are at 31. The website is now fully translated to Spanish.
- **Goal:** To highlight Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farm stand opportunities throughout the County from small farms to farmers of color.
- **Features:** Advance search tools that allow viewers to see details about the farms.

Sub-Groups Update

- **Urban Agriculture Sub-Group Meeting:** Sub-group members provided feedback for a flyer on urban agriculture resources in the Promise Zone and sub-group members evaluated several potential projects to prioritize.
- **Active Transportation and Active Living Sub-Group:** This group discussed prioritizing the City's free bike rack for businesses program. <https://www.sandiego.gov/bicycling/racksand-lockers/> Ahmad Erikat, Associate Traffic Engineer at the City of San Diego was present to answer questions about the program. Key highlights about the bike rack program include:
 - Once an online application is received, it takes up to 90 days for an evaluation to approve the site for installation. Upon approval, there is an additional 90-day window for the installation. The timeline might be shorter, depending on department requests.
 - After a request is submitted, the requestor is provided a service number which they can use to check the status of the request. If the request is done through the Get It Done app, the status can be viewed on the app.
 - Approximately 95% of the applications get installed.
 - Requests may be from an entity other than the businessowner. As a courtesy, the City contacts the business owner to see if they approve of the bike rack. The business approval is not necessary, but the City will try to get an agreement from all involved parties.
 - A narrow sidewalk is a sidewalk that is less than about 8 feet wide sidewalk. As long as there are 2-3 feet from any obstruction, the request should be approved.
 - Currently, for any new requests, outdoor dining/retail operations are taking into consideration. Most bike racks are not being removed for this issue (only a few).
 - Questions about the City's bike rack program can be directed to Ahmad Erikat, AErikat@sandiego.gov
- **Healthcare Agencies Sub-Group:** This sub-group was tasked with re-engaging partners. The sub-group will solicit feedback from Blue Shield of California to leverage the work they are already doing.

Wrap Up and Adjourn

- Lauren, Nina, and Ariel will schedule more sub-group meetings in the coming weeks.
- [Join the Promise Zone Slack for updates](#)

Next Meeting

Thursday, July 15, 2021 | 1:00 – 2:30 PM
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