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MEETING NOTES

San Diego Promise Zone

Healthy Communities Working Group Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 18, 2022 | 1:00 – 2:30 PM

Via Zoom (Meeting ID: 979 7737 1015 Passcode: 486144)

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

In Attendance

Childhood Lead Poison Prevention, City of San Diego—CD4, City of San Diego—Economic Development, County of San Diego-- Health & Human Services, Leah's Pantry, Mongol Tribe, Outdoor Outreach, Project New Village, San Diego Co-Harvest, San Diego Parks Foundation, San Diego Regional Urban Forest Council, Second Chance, University of California San Diego Center for Community Health.

Meeting Notes

Introductions, Culture Share, & Agenda Review

- The group was welcomed and introduced to Megan Murphy who is one of the new Co-Chairs of the Healthy communities working group. Meghan is a Community Health Program Specialist focusing on food systems in San Diego and works with the County's ARPA funding for community food production. She is also a resident of City Heights.

Grant Opportunities

- Residents can request a new street tree through the City's **Free Tree SD Program**. This program allows residents and the City to work together to increase San Diego's tree canopy cover, creating a more livable and sustainable community for all. [Learn more here.](#)
- [The TD Charitable Foundation](#) accepts applications on a bimonthly basis for vibrant planning grants to help enhance and activate spaces that provide critical ecological services for stronger, more resilient communities.
- [Healthy Day Partners + SDG&E Healthy Communities Tree Program](#): Offers a \$1,500 microgrant as well as 10+ fruit trees to community and school gardens in San Diego County. Rolling deadline
- [Waste Management Charitable Giving](#): Waste Management offers grants to organizations that preserve or enhance renewable resources; offers programs that

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make neighborhoods cleaner and better places to live; and ensure that neighborhoods and communities are safe and sustainable. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

- **[Recycling Program Grants](#)**: The Can'd Aid Crush It Crusade offers support to help get community recycling programs off the ground throughout the United States. Crush it Crusade grants provide recycling bins, training on how to launch and manage a recycling program and seed funding. The award range is \$5,000 - \$10,000. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.
- **[CA Farm to School Incubator Grant Program](#)**: The California Department of Food and Agriculture is awarding competitive grants to support projects that cultivate equity, nurture students, build climate resilience, and create scalable and sustainable change. The total program funding is \$30 million, and the application deadline is July 6th at 5:00pm PST. The next information session will be held on May 24th at 10:00 am.

Partner Announcements

- **San Diego Co-Harvest** is hiring a farm manager and a director of operations. [Learn more here.](#)
- **Project New Village** is hiring a [mobile farmer market manager](#), in addition to two opportunity youth for a paid 7-month [internship](#).
- **Outdoor Outreach** is hiring personnel for their instructor team to offer youth opportunities to be active outdoors. It is looking for people who have a background in recreation. [Learn more here.](#)
- **The California Climate Action Corps** is looking for fellows for its community engagement program which will begin in September and continue for 11 months. [Learn more here.](#)
- **Barrio Botany** is hiring camp counselors for its level-up summer experience program. If interested, please reach out to shermangrows@gmail.com.
- Kate Sessions Trees is making intergeneration connections by working with college interns on their climate action career development. [Learn more here.](#)
- **The Park Ambassador Program** provides teens with opportunities to explore career pathways in public service. The goal of this program is to increase park access, provide mentorship opportunities and more! The second cohort will be onboarded in the fall. The San Diego Parks Foundation will need help with recruitment for these paid positions. If interested, reach out to Katherine Johnston at Katherine@sandiegoparksfoundation.org.

Partner Financial Assistance Awardees

Promise Zone Staff introduced partners who have received grants from the Partner Financial Assistance Program in partnership with Cal Coast Credit union. Partners were invited to describe the scope of work and projects grant funds will be used to support. For more details regarding the programs funded please visit: <https://www.sandiego.gov/economic-development/sdpromisezone/partners>

Food Recovery & Recycling

- Polina Osipova from the City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department presented on the new State rules on organic waste recycling, SB 1383. This law requires that organic waste is recycled and it will go into effect on June 8th, 2022.
- Organic waste can be defined as food scraps, yard trimmings and wood food soiled paper products and cardboard.
- SB 1383 targets a 75% reduction in organic waste sent to landfills by 2025.
- Every jurisdiction in California will need to reduce the amount of organic waste being sent to landfills. This will also support the City's zero waste goal, which aims to achieve 0 waste by 2040, and extends the life of San Diego's landfills.
- This law also targets food recovery, with the goal to donate 20% of excess food to people in need by 2025. Large food generating businesses will be required to donate excess food.
- The law distinguishes between tier one and tier two businesses.
 - Tier one businesses are defined as supermarkets with gross annual sales of \$200,000 or more; grocery stores with a facility size of 10,000 square feet or more; food service providers; food distributors; and wholesale food vendors.
 - Tier two businesses are defined as restaurants with 250 or more seats, or a total facility size equal to or greater than 5,000 square feet; hotels with an on-site food facility and 200 or more rooms; health facilities with an on-site food facility and 100 or more beds; large venues; and local education agencies with an on-site food facility.
- These businesses must make arrangements with food recovery organizations to make food donations. Businesses must also maintain records of the frequency and quantity of each donation.
- As a result of this law, hunger relief organizations will receive an increase in food donations. If organizations do not have enough capacity to handle the number of donations, local jurisdictions will need to establish a plan to expand capacity.
- The City is in the process of identifying businesses belonging to tier one and two and identifying what hunger relief organizations may need assistance with expanding capacity.
- Every business and multifamily housing building will need to establish a system for disposing of these scraps. Businesses and Multifamily homeowners should contact their waste haulers and or the City's Environmental Services Department for assistance.
- Contact Polina Osipova at posipova@sandiego.gov. For more information visit sandiego.gov/organicwasterecycling

Wrap Up and Adjourn

- Co-Chairs reminded Partners that the next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 26th at 1:00pm.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, July 26th, 2022 | 1:00 – 2:30 PM

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