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MEETING NOTES

San Diego Promise Zone

Healthy Communities Meeting Notes

Thursday, January 19th, 2023 | 1:00 – 2:30 PM

Via Zoom (Meeting ID: 161 915 3978)

Working Group Goal: To promote access to healthy food, healthcare, and active living

In Attendance

Barrio Botany, Black Panther and Radical Justice Coalition, California Coast Credit Union, Circulate San Diego, City of San Diego — Economic Development, County of San Diego — Health & Human Services Agency, Kate Sessions Commitment, mohuman, San Diego Co-Harvest, San Diego Food System Alliance, San Diego for Every Child, San Diego Parks Foundation, Sonia's Healthy Corner, The Urban Collaborative Project, Urban Corps of San Diego County, Urban Growth

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Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Review

- Co-Chairs welcomed Partners, reviewed the agenda, and led a culture share activity.

Grant Opportunities

- **Community Food Initiatives Program (CFIP):** In partnership with the County's Public Health Services, San Diego Foundation (SDF) will award funding to new and existing community food projects toward the improvement of community food security including food production, processing and distribution projects across San Diego County with the intent of increasing food sovereignty, especially in low-income communities and communities with limited access.
 - Award Amount: \$5,000 - \$250,000
 - Grant guidelines, eligibility, and the application will be available on February 6th and is projected to close March 3rd.

Partner Announcements

- **Barrio Botany** is hosting a free gardening workshop on Saturday, January 21st at Sherman Elementary School Garden in English and Spanish.
- **The Racial Justice Coalition of San Diego** is presenting its 1st annual *Let's Talk Black Health* four film series beginning February 7th dealing with the mind, body, and soul. These film series are free to all. For more information, please email jjmwr2020@gmail.com.

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- **Urban Collaborative Project** will be hosting its 2nd annual Transportation Expo on Saturday, February 11th, from 9:00am to 1:00pm at Gompers Preparatory Academy to educate Southeast San Diego residents on clean mobility and active transportation. Community partners who work towards climate and transportation justice are invited to host an interactive booth. Please contact c.paz@ucproject.org for more information.
- **Kate Sessions Commitment** announced that small and medium trees are available for purchase from Walter Andersen Nursery in Old Town. Choose from six species in 5-gallon sizes for about \$50. [More information and list of current inventory here.](#)
 - If you cannot afford a tree, [request a tree here.](#)
 - **Tree San Diego** still has trees for residents in disadvantaged communities. Find [more information and application here.](#)
- **San Diego Food System Alliance** announced its new, tailored business planning and coaching program, [Pollinator](#), for San Diego County's small-scale farmers, ranchers, fishermen, and food business owners. The application to join the first cohort of 6 businesses closes on February 28th.
- **Urban Collaborative Project**, in partnership with Kate Sessions Commitment and Tree San Diego, will begin the Resident Leadership Academy (RLA) on March 7th. This will focus on urban tree growing in Southeast San Diego with the goal of increasing trees in the community. If you are interested in learning more, please contact c.paz@ucproject.org.
- **Urban Growth** is looking for partners who would like to develop a community-based hydroponic farm for the Community Food Initiatives Program (CFIP). For more information, please email emilio@urbangrowth.farm.

2023 Policy Platform and Priorities Discussion

- Co-chairs shared the working groups priorities. The group's current priorities are: 1) increase access to healthy foods, 2) improve access to healthcare, 3) support opportunities for active transportation and active living.
- Partners expressed interest in the 2022 *Get a Bike Rack for Your Business* Flyer.
- Co-chairs led a discussion and partners used Jamboard to give input on the group's priorities. View all questions and responses on the [Jamboard here.](#)

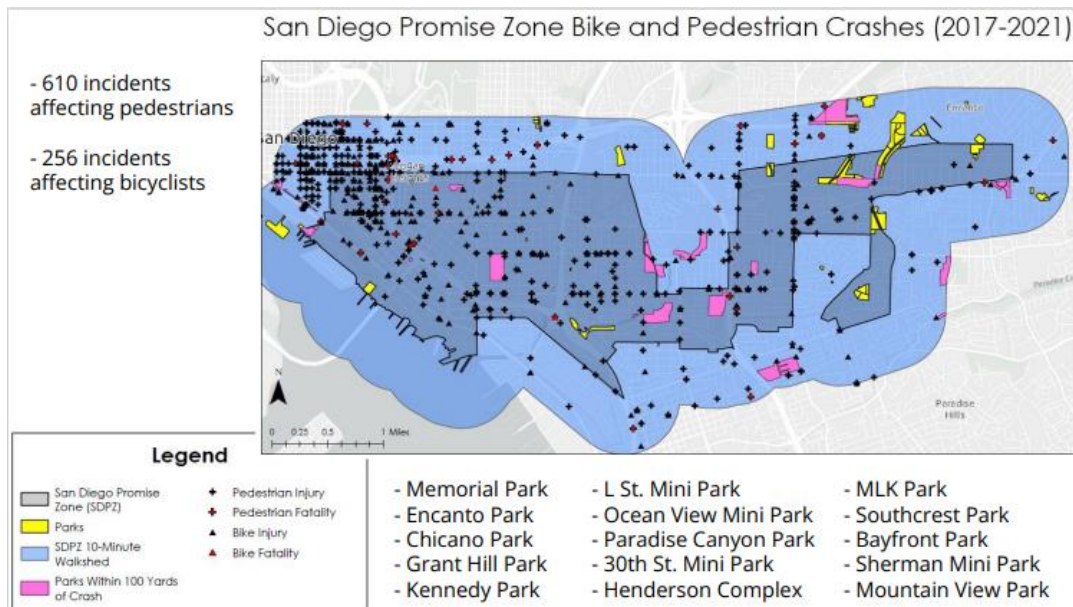
Grant Funding for Data Collection in the Promise Zone

Carlisle Dockery, Senior Planner — Circulate San Diego

- Co-chairs introduced Carlisle Dockery, the Senior Planner of [Circulate San Diego](#), to solicit feedback from partners on its Safe Routes to Parks project being conducted in the Promise Zone funded through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant.
- In 2021, Circulate SD joined the Lincoln High Clean Mobility in Schools Project to bring clean technology in schools and reduce air pollution. Circulate SD is providing pedestrian and bike safety assemblies, e-bike skills trainings, demonstration projects, branding, incentive items, and mapping. Previous feedback from walk audits said that there are limited green spaces in Southeast San Diego.
- The Safe Routes to Parks is funded through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Grant called [Data to Improve Community Conditions Shaped by Structural Racism](#). The goal of this 9-month project is to Improve the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and other

roadway users wishing to access existing public green space in high-crash locations within SDPZ.

- Phase 1: Data analysis
- Phase 2: Public engagement
- Phase 3: Implement quick-build treatment
- Circulate SD overlaid maps of bike and pedestrian crashes from 2017-2021, sidewalk networks, bicycle networks, average vehicle speeds, and Healthy Communities priority routes. From this process, Encanto Park and Chicano Park were highlighted the most. Following these, were Memorial Park, Mountain View Park, and Kennedy Park.
- The next step in this project is doing public engagement and community outreach. This will include walk audits led by neighborhood organizations and community-based organizations, as well as community events, in order to gather feedback on safety and gaps in pedestrian and bicyclist network.
- Circulate SD asked partners if there are upcoming events where it can gather feedback on the identified parks or if there are any emailing lists which partners could share Circulate SD's survey to. This survey will be in English and Spanish.
- Partners expressed concern over the City's [Parks Master Plan](#)'s lack of priority for safe sidewalks within a specified radius of parks. Circulated SD confirmed that this is a priority and is something that we can work with the City to amend.





Next Steps and Adjourn

- Digital Comment Box: <https://us16.list-manage.com/survey?u=e913b9d30ca18b3436360cf47&id=62c8f5dc2f>

Next Meeting

Next Meeting: Thursday February 16th, 2023 | 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

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