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MEETING NOTES

San Diego Promise Zone

Healthy Communities Meeting Notes

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

Via Zoom (Meeting ID: **161 915 3978**)

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

In Attendance

Champions for Health, Chicano Park Museum and Cultural Center, Circulate San Diego City of San Diego — Economic Development Department, County of San Diego — Health & Human Services, Kate Sessions Commitment, mohuman, San Diego Co-Harvest, San Diego County Department of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities, San Diego Food System Alliance, San Diego Parks Foundation, The San Diego Foundation, Urban Collaborative Project

Meeting Notes

Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Review

- Co-chairs welcomed partners, reviewed the agenda, and led a culture share activity.

Grant Opportunities

- For upcoming grant opportunities, please reference the agenda.

Community Food Program Information and Questions

Kelly Wilkinson — San Diego Foundation

- Co-chairs introduced Kelly Wilkinson, the Food Initiatives Program Manager from San Diego Foundation to provide updates and information on the [Community Food Grant Program](#). This grant program will support a wide range of community-led projects to increase food sovereignty through food production, processing, and distribution.
- The deadline for the Community Food Grant Program was extended to **March 31st**.
- View San Diego Foundation's pre-recorded [Grant Seekers Forum Video here](#).
- Sign up for [office hours here](#).
- [Register here](#) for the third in-person workshop on March 8th at the San Diego Foundation office.
- Each proposal must be led by a nonprofit with 501(c)(3) public charity status or an equivalent tax-exempt status, located in and serving San Diego County communities. Additionally, any organization may be part of more than one proposal but may only serve as the lead applicant for one proposal.

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Partner Announcements

- **Urban Collaborative Project** is working with SanDiego350 on an [Interactive Community Workshop](#) about Microtransit on Saturday, March 4th at Malcolm X Library from 9:30am – 12:30pm.
- **Urban Collaborative Project** announced its 9-week Resident Leadership Academy for urban tree-growing education, climate action, and resident leadership training. It will run from March 7th to May 2nd on Tuesdays from 6:00-8:00pm at Access Youth Academy. Fill out an [interest form here](#).
- **San Diego Co-Harvest Foundation** is hiring for a Community Farm Director/Irrigation Technician. View the [job listing here](#). Please send your CV/Resume or questions to info@coharvestfoundation.org.
- **Mohuman** shared its Health Literacy Program in City Heights which educates members on digital tools. There have been requests to expand this program to other communities, but it requires additional funding. If you are interested in collaborating or know of funding opportunities, please contact Danielle Stephen at danielle@mohuman.org.

2023 Work Plan Discussion and Review

- Co-chairs shared the group's 2023 Work Plan which was updated based on partners' answers to the [Jamboard during January's meeting](#).
- **Objective I:** Increase access to healthy foods
 - Priority: Identify and pursue funding to support urban agriculture projects
 - Activity: Encourage partners to submit a collective application to the Community Food Grant Program to increase the strength of their application and spur collaboration between Promise Zone Partners.
 - Priority: Increase development and utilization of community gardens in all types of parks
 - Activity: Promote the updated land-use code which allows community gardens in Open Space parks
 - Activity: Work to expand the land-use code to allow community gardens in other types of parks
- Partners' comments on these activities:
 - San Diego Parks Foundation is working with Bayside Community Center on the first application to put a community garden in the Linda Vista neighborhood park. San Diego Parks Foundation can provide more information and a checklist on this process.
 - San Diego Parks Foundation shared that it is also working on a program garden at Park de la Cruz Recreation Center.
 - San Diego Food System Alliance announced that it will be bringing together a community table to work on expanding similar policy changes.
- **Objective II:** Improve access to healthcare
 - Priority: Re-engage healthcare agencies and service providers
 - Activity: Find and on-board a third co-chair to represent this objective
 - Activity: Promote health related resources to Promise Zone residents
- Partners' comments on these activities:

- Champions For Health has connections to healthcare providers and would like to connect with staff.
- **Objective III:** Support opportunities for active transportation and active living
 - Priority: Support the development and implementation of active transportation and active living policy efforts
 - Activity: Work to update the Parks Master Plan to include safe sidewalks requirements within a specified distance of all parks
 - Activity: Support Quick Build projects in priority routes within the Promise Zone area
 - Activity: Support partners' understanding and promote Placemaking permits
 - Partners' comments on these activities:
 - Partners would like more clarity on how the City prioritizes CIP and quick-build projects.

Next Steps and Adjourn

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

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