

Equity Committee

SAPCC office

August 3, 2018

In attendance: Grant Abbott, Emma Connell, John Connell, Kathryn Murray, Melissa Williams

Discussed SAP Box, an innovative proposal that Kathryn is developing, to address identified food needs within the community. Kathryn walked us through a presentation (available to council members upon request) that described a program that would use locally-sourced food to create partially prepared meal boxes for families and individuals. This concept hits a number of priorities:

- Fostering a local, sustainable food system
- Providing opportunities for community members to help community members
- Bringing youth into service learning projects
- Meet immediate food access needs for community members
- Improved health outcomes in the neighborhood
- Enhancing community connections and interaction

Kathryn reviewed a number of grants that we're hoping to apply to this project. She's reached out to Good Acre and Extension, among other potential partners. We're still having the conversation about feasibility and structure, but as the idea develops, more plans will be shared.

Melissa will be presenting with Samantha Hodges, a former SAPCC intern, at the Urban Food Access Symposium 8/8 and 8/9. In order to finish their poster, Melissa asked the committee to recall activities that have occurred in the past 1 ½ years since Samantha created her original poster for the committee. We recalled the following activities:

Questions

What we've done since March 2017:

- Community meal at Seal in December 2017, celebrating the relationship between Seal and the community garden over the 2017 year
- Continued donation of community garden harvest throughout 2018
- Community Conversation Food Access Panel at Seal (May 2018)
- Partnering with HPC's Movies in the Park series to provide food-related games and awareness as a pre-movie community builder

Equity efforts:

- Community council efforts to train themselves—equity event attendance
- Collaborative efforts with district council; Kathryn has presented to the city council regarding cross-district equity efforts
- 2017 information-gathering efforts across multiple venues as part of the 10-Year Plan efforts.

Additional items

- Reclaim! (An LGBTQIA youth support center) is interested in sending a member to the Equity Committee! Kathryn is in conversation with them.
- Raymond Block Party being sponsored by SSAP businesses, August 4th. The transportation committee is hoping to have a table for the community council.
- We're having trouble getting volunteers out to the Urban Growler Farmer's Market. We want to find ways to encourage them to enable EBT, so perhaps that's a good focus for the remainder of the year.
- We discussed the co-working space in the former MOI work area. Kathryn toured it; it seems small but perfectly located. The council is in conversation about the possibility of the council offices moving into that area. The financial and practical implications for the council are unclear, and external consultation will be necessary to avoid conflict of interest.