

Equity Committee Meeting

Monday, March 29, 2021

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 PM, via [Zoom](#)

Agenda

SAPCF/SAPCC Community Forum

- Time estimate: 30 minutes
- Details: Planning community forum on homelessness
 - Related: would we want to sponsor a recurring "Community Forum" series with SAP Community Foundation?
- Links, resources: [Outline](#) from Jeff Standish, SAPCF Board Member

Notes: Discussed outline provided by Jeff Standish, SAPCF Board Member, who is leading the combined effort for a community forum. Will be contacting various potential speaking/presentation partners who are particularly familiar with our neighborhood and its issues, including other social agencies, people connected with the Stub Hall shelter at Luther Seminary, and folks who have already been involved with the College Park homeless couple over the winter.

SAPCC/Co-op Sponsored Meal at Union Flats

- Time estimate: 15 minutes
- Details:
 - Is this or is this not happening?
 - Do we have time and an internal coordinator to facilitate this?
 - Has it been run by the co-op?
 - What's the date?
 - Are there time restrictions on when the money for this must be spent?
- Links, resources

Notes: Mohit Kumar, equity committee member, lives at Union Flats and will act as the in-house facilitator for the meal. Kathryn is working with Hampden Park Co-Op to arrange food. Will post a digital signup on Union Flats facebook pages and are checking on posting flyers at the location. Tentative date, April 24. Melissa W will assist with distribution.

JustUs Health CEO Call for Action

regarding equitable representation on the state council on aging.

- Time estimate: 15 minutes
- Details: A top recommendation of Governor Walz's Age-Friendly Minnesota Task Force is legislation to create a state council to address barriers and opportunities for the

well-being and participation of older people in Minnesota and advance age-friendly policies to eliminate disparities ([SF1786](#)).

At a Minnesota Senate hearing last week, the Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care Policy deleted a provision assuring that diverse voices among Minnesota's older population, including LGBTQ elders, be included to promote health equity for Minnesotans as they age.

- Links, resources

Notes: Committee moved unanimously to draft a letter to the State Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care Policy urging them to reinstate language assuring that diverse voices among Minnesota's older population, including LGBTQ elders, will be included in upcoming legislation. This specific language had been recently removed by the Committee.

Other Business

The Saint Paul City Council is seeking applications for appointment to its Reparations Legislative Advisory Committee. Applications will be accepted from March 22 – April 30, 2021. Details are located at stpaul.gov/reparations. Equity Committee will be publicizing this initiative plus will be looking for a worthy local resident to recommend or nominate.

Briefly discussed access to Covid-19 vaccinations, particularly for people who may not have access to technology. What are the options? Should the Equity Committee be more attentive to this?

Need to review the Equity Framework. Kathryn will send out the link and we will pick up at next meeting. Will also review our goals mid-year.