

# EQUITY MEETING - May 23rd, 2022

Lead: Alyssa Kruzel

Minutes: Melissa Pappas

**Attending:** Melissa Pappas, Alyssa Kruzel, Kyle Anderson, Jessica Willman, Bill Anderson

## Welcome/Introductions (5 min)

Welcome New Members/Meeting Overview and Engagement

- Intro, Old Items, New Items, Action Steps
- All participants are welcome to speak, share ideas/feedback, add to our agenda

Name/Pronouns

Breathing/What are you looking forward to in the new season?

## Old Items (20 min)

- [2022 Equity Calendar](#) - based on [Community Calendar](#) (10 min) - Jessica
  - Ice Cream Social (Budget: \$2,000)
    - Date: July 16th (busy), July 23rd, August 2nd (NNO), August 13th | 5-8pm
    - Location: Hampden Park (Who can reserve?)
    - Activities:
      - Tabling
        - SAPCC (all committees)
        - CEZ
        - Transition Town
        - Library
        - Schools
        - Brightside
        - Who else?
      - Yard Games
      - Live Music?
      - Food Trucks
    - Food - we have enough to offer a meal, but would need volunteers
    - Ice Cream - Kiwanis malts?
    - Base Building
      - Neighborhood Bingo
      - Cooperative Games
      - Informal Survey
    - Flyers/Flyering

***The ice cream social was the first item discussed.***

***We have plenty of funding for this event. It seems like people are okay attending public events now so there isn't any reason we shouldn't go forward with this.***

***We need to get the date and location nailed down. Then we can brainstorm about other details of the event.***

***Whether the social would be combined with something else was brought up. If we wanted to have a movie showing along with the ice cream we would have to run it. (That could add \$500 to event costs.) Doing something separate would be better.***

**Having it on a Saturday was suggested. National Night Out is another option if there isn't a big event that night. (Bill can check with Patty Lammers about that.)**

**This event could be a good way to bring the neighborhood together and to facilitate some healing. It also could be an educational opportunity. (Neighborhood history, Equity, what this committee is trying to accomplish.)**

**We could ask the other committees to help with organizing different things.**

**Having the social in September was discussed. That would give us time to plan and hopefully the weather would be good. (July and August might be too hot.) September 17th was suggested. The social would be in Hampden Park.**

**Time was discussed. Considerations are mealtimes, what time it gets dark.**

**10:00-2:00 and 2:00-5:00 were brought up. Mid afternoon is also good if the Co-op is involved since it avoids their busy time.**

**The social could have tables for each committee along with games and other activities.**

**Groups outside the community could also be involved. (Crime prevention, Ramsey County emergency preparedness, etc.)**

**This would be a way to familiarize the neighborhood with the Council and what we do.**

**Buy in from all the committees would be very helpful.**

**Having story time for kids was suggested. The library could be involved with that.**

**Ice cream: we could see about getting it from the Co-op. That will have to be looked into.**

**Ice cream could be handed out by the big rock at the Raymond facing side of the park.**

**Flyering: we need to Flyer the neighborhood and not just depend on the newsletter to get the word out. (There needs to be some of the budget earmarked for this.)**

**We need to do outreach to the apartment buildings along University Ave. Jessica will reach out to some of the property owners about this.**

- Other Opportunities:
  - Delivering for Brightside (monthly opportunity)
  - Equity Meet-Ups (June 6th or July 18th)
  - Territorial Road Event - June 11th (do we want to provide food/snack)
  - Meal with Union Flats Association (or providing a meal when they are going to meet)

**Brightside has a monthly volunteer opportunity. They need people to deliver boxes of produce to recipients. They need a lot of volunteers for the May 29th delivery.**

**Having a meet up was discussed. July 18th works for more people. Inviting the whole council was suggested.**

**Helping with the Transportation committee's June 11th event was discussed. We could provide refreshments for the event. (Coffee and bagels or muffins.)**

**Bill Anderson made a motion to spend \$200 for refreshments. Alyssa Kruzel seconded. Motion carried.**

**Doing something with the Union Flats Association was brought up. We could help if they wanted to do a community building event.**

**Helping with an event at the new Westgate park in the fall was suggested.**

**New Items (25 min)**

- Red Cross Blood Drives
- [Residential Transit Pass](#)

***There is a blood shortage right now. Do we want to sponsor a neighborhood blood drive? Only three or four volunteers are needed each time.***

***Whether it was needed was questioned since Memorial Blood Center is right in the neighborhood.***

***Information about a new residential transit pass was provided. This would cost \$14 a month and be billed with monthly rent. Landlords need to sign up and set this up.***

#### **Ongoing Conversations (10 min)**

- SAPCC Relationship with Police - John
- Keep St. Paul Home
- Brightside Partnership

***No new updates on any of these things.***

***FYI Ben Bauer is the other co-chair along with Melissa.***

#### **Wrap Up (5 min)**

- Next Meeting: June 27th | 5:30pm
- Upcoming Events:
  - Territorial Road Block Party | June 11th @ 10am

**TASKS:**

***Keep brainstorming ideas for the September 17th ice cream social.***