

EQUITY MEETING - June 27th

Lead: Ben Bauer Minutes: Alyssa Kruzel

Attending: Alyssa Kruzel, Ben Bauer, Melissa Pappas, Kyle Anderson, Jessica Willman

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

What helps you keep grounded when world events get overwhelming?

Old Items (20 min)

- [2022 Equity Calendar](#) - based on [Community Calendar](#) (10 min) - Jessica
 - \$2,000 grant for food access
 - Option One: provide food to Seal for their summer picni (August 13 2-5pm), serve food, provide food, need to get contracts
 - Melissa will keep us updated on events
 - Option two: host a community meal at Union Flats
 - July: promote the August meeting at July community meal
 - Option three: host a in person equity meeting with food
 - August 29
 - Tasks for the Ice Cream Social (Saturday, Sept 17) this month:
 - Reserve Hampden Park
 - Jessica will do, have to pay for the park
 - Contact Committees to discuss specific involvement this month—Ben will reach out to the Co-Chairs
 - Environmental: Help with ice cream, recycling & compostable
 - Transportation: games?
 - Land use: scavenger hunt/bingo
 - Equity: activities—library, conversational piece
 - See Task Spreadsheet
 - Jessica needs to compile and share
 - Other Opportunities:
 - Delivering for Brightside (monthly opportunity)--11-3pm
 - On Social Media (both D10 & D12), Bugle, Newsletter
 - Have a few people interested - pick a weekend (ex. 2nd Sunday) to put a group together.
 - 3-4 families were interested in helping out this summer
 - Farm house can send people (3-4) starting in the fall, when school is back
 - Need a person to be the point person
 - July 17—third Sunday of the month
 - Equity Meet-Ups (July 18th) - *can I open this up to the board as a whole?*

- Jessica will invite other community members who have make touchpoints with the Equity meeting but haven't been involved with the committee yet
- Jessica will look into another location

New Items (25 min)

- Welcoming our Dear Neighbor? Ramsey County Mapping Prejudice presentation (was June 15th - did anyone go)
 - Invite to Ice Cream Social?, they went to the Como one last year
- Union Flats Update - any next steps
 - Rent increase again 8%, very high cost, Kara is working with residents
 - What can we do as a council or committee?
 - SAPCC—wrote a letter to Union Flats end of 2021/early 2022
 - Issues are still happening
 - Rent increase in June, items are getting worse
 - Jessica will look into trying to writing another letter (equity and SAPCC)
 - Mitra put in a request with the city to increase the inspections
 - HomeLINE is working with they tenant association and working with residents

Ongoing Conversations (10 min)

- SAPCC Relationship with Police - John
 - John wasn't present
- Keep St. Paul Home
 - No updates, if you have any please share with the rest of the group
- Brightside Partnership
 - Already discussed
- SPARK
 - Updates & where to sign petition

Wrap Up (5 min)

- Next Meeting: July 25th | 5:30pm
 - Assume to be at Union Flats, Jessica will confirm
- Upcoming Events:
 - Equity Meet Up | July 18th @ 6pm (new place?)
 - Jessica will look into new location and invite more people
 - Brightside Volunteering (July 17th) from 11-3pm?
 - Jessica will confirm
 - Ice Cream Social | September 17th from 2-5pm

TASKS

- July Meeting

- Jessica will look into hosting July meeting at Union Flats, will reach out to confirm
- Community meals
 - Jessica will reach out to Union Flats (resident?), Kara from Homeline to look at hosting a community meal in July and hosting August meeting
- Ice Cream Social
 - Jessica will reserve Hampden Park for the Ice Cream Social (Sept. 17)
 - Jessica will finalize and share ice cream social task list
 - Ben will reach out to the co-chairs to finalize their specific involvement
 - Alyssa will reach out to library about storytime
 - Jessica will share contact with Alyssa
- Brightside
 - Jessica will reach out to Brightside to schedule July 17 as the first volunteer session, plan to schedule for the third Sunday of the month
- Equity Meet Up–July 18th
 - Jessica will invite other community members who have make touchpoints with the Equity meeting but haven't been involved with the committee yet
 - Jessica will look into a potential new location
- Mapping Prejudice—Alyssa will reach out to them, invite them to the Ice Cream Social
- Union Flats: Jessica will be looking into writing another letter regarding the issues with Union Flats
- SPARK: Jessica will share info via social media