

EQUITY MEETING - July 25th

Lead: Jessica Willman

Minutes: Jessica Willman

Attending: Jessica, John, Melissa, Manu (Union Flats), Hannah (Union Flats), John (Seal) and Carl (Seal)

Before community members came:

John, Melissa and Jessica were able to talk about the Ice Cream Social. Decided to simplify it for the committees (have them focusing on their tabling and recruitment instead of tasks with the social). Jessica said she would be willing to do much of the organizing and has time for that. She's going to reach out to Kiwanis to do malts because they will bring their own volunteers and do clean up. She will reach out to Scott Simmons for a band.

We will make sure to do flyering throughout the community, but also flyering the area around the event. Flyers will be available starting two weeks before the event and group flyering sessions will be available.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION:

What do you love about your community & what do you want to see improved?

- John (Seal)- Love: close proximity of public transportation & eatery and places to shop, Improve: more invitations for people to come together
- Melissa - Love: walking, biking, green spaces, gardens & community involvement, Improve: community events, safety and feeling unsafe. More safety issues than when she first moved into Seal.
- Manu - Loves: close to both cities, some public transportation - Improve: more for kids than adults, affordable housing, community gardens, and more of a co-op mindset
- Hannah - Loves: the community here, neighbors, know more people than anywhere else, Improve: would like to see more butterfly gardens, public art combined with ways to engage

What activities would you like to see more of?

- Picnics
- Networking opportunities
- Open Mikes
- Concerts
- Events in the Joy of the People park

John spoke about joining the council and getting connected through the Equity Committee. We talked about having more meetings at Seal. We also talked about Rent Stabilization, Hannah's role in challenging the Dominionium rent increases and what the next steps are for that. We will be having our next meeting at Union Flats on August 29th.

We ended at about 7:30pm.