



MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, Oct 5 @ 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
City Hall, Department of Neighborhoods
3rd Floor – Room 370

Discussion Item

Current Events:

Isabella shared the recent headline of Swedish Hospital rolling out a 'Doctor on Demand' app to make healthcare more accessible for their patients. The group discussed whether this would appeal to those resistant to go into the doctor's office? Could this improve healthcare access for minorities?

Community Agreements:

RESPECT

- Use the "I" perspective
- Listen to thoughts & opinions of others
- Be mindful of what is offensive to others
- Assume good intentions

COMMUNICATION

- Making sure communication lines are open; speak up!
- Communicate w/ your group if you are having trouble
- Follow through on what you say you are going to do
- Check for understanding; making sure everyone is on the same page

INCLUSIVENESS

- Be inclusive
- Have an open mind
- Consider everyone's ideas

Work Plan Discussion (Part II)

Jenny summarized the Retreat Discussion and asked if she missed anything. She recounted goals of SYC and talked about the importance of building relationships to understand and influence City policy and decisions.

Reviewing 2015-16 SYC Committees:

- Affordability – Housing, Homelessness, Gentrification, and Displacement
- Economic Development; Youth Jobs
- Public Safety

The group was initially asked to prioritize their top three issues to work on for this year: Social Justice, Schools, Environmental Justice, Gentrification/Displacement, Homelessness & Housing Affordability, Youth Jobs, and Public Safety

After the first round of selections, Social Justice was the clear winner. This brought forward a larger discussion about how this topic interacts with all of the others. It was then suggested that this topic be woven into every issue area and should be central to every project that SYC works on this year.

The group was then asked to re-prioritize, based on that discussion:

- [Schools](#)
- Environmental Justice
- [Homelessness & Housing Affordability \(including Gentrification/Displacement\)](#)
- Youth Jobs
- [Public Safety](#)

Schools, Public Safety, and Homelessness & Housing Affordability were selected as the three top priorities. Twelve SYC members voted at the meeting, and the three commissioners who were unable to vote, submitted their preferences via phone/text. **It was decided that each of these issues would be viewed through a social justice lens.**

Planning SYC Meetings

- Oct 19 Meeting – Issue/Solution Role Play w/ Invited Guests ☺
- What departments/programs do you wish to learn more about this year?
 - Kyana Wheeler
 - Seattle Schools representative
 - Seattle Police Department: Officer Cookie & Adrian Diaz

Announcements

- **Teen Leadership Summit** – several area Youth Councils are putting together a Teen Leadership Summit on Sat, Nov 19. Location, TBD. Jenny can provide transportation, if you are interested in attending. Great opportunity to meet youth leaders in our larger area.
- **Y-Tech Media Workshops** – Y-Tech, a Youth Media Program has offered to lead a two part workshop for the Youth Commission about media campaigns, videography, etc. This training may offer skills/resources that assist in future SYC projects
- **Neighborhood Design Forums** - Councilmember Johnson will be hosting Design Forums in the following neighborhoods: Westwood Village/Highland Park, Beacon Hill, Aurora-Licton, Othello/Graham, Roosevelt, Crown Hill, Rainier Beach, Wallingford, and South Park. Youth Commissioners have been invited to participate in these events, as they relate to where you live, attend school, or frequent. This is an opportunity to understand how design/growth are linked and how this contributes to the long-term vision of a neighborhood. They are still in the process of figuring out when each forum will be, but Jenny will pass along flyer as she receives it.

Action/Follow-up:

- Are you interested in attending Teen Leadership Summit on Saturday, Nov 19?
- Are you interested in attending a Neighborhood Design Forum?
- Jenny will invite Det. Cookie and Sargent Diaz to an upcoming SYC meeting