

## MEETING MINUTES- DRAFT

Attendees: Willard Brown, David Bestock, Amanda Kirk, Michael Taylor-Judd, Ranette Iding, Kim Justice, Nicholas Ames, Ivan Cruz

Absent: Parie Hines, Lynda Bui, Amanda Leonard, Dorsal Plants, Carol Williams

Staff/Guests: David Goldberg, Kerry Wade, Pam Kliment, Amy Shumann, Aileen Balahadia

### Intro/Welcome

David welcomed everyone to tonight's meetings and sends regrets for fellow ACT members who reported unable to make tonight's meeting.

### Parks and Street Fund

Kerry checked in with the group about an email she sent earlier about proposing possible parks/street fund projects to forward thru the application process due Feb 9. These projects are typically 1 year projects, very tangible, and go thru an approval process first supported by the District Councils and then finalized by Parks, SDOT, Mayor and City Council. Kerry suggests putting forth as many Delridge projects as possible supported by the ACT. 5 potential projects were presented:

1. Michael suggested adding electrical power to the Delridge playfield/skate park area to encourage community activities and event use. Pam added she could easily check the feasibility of this and investigate
2. Willard suggested the improvement of the trails and greenspace that connect SSCC to Pathfinder to Pigeon Blvd to Delridge Way.
3. Nicholas suggested a painted crossing or stripe at the multiple cross intersection of Avalon and Yancy.
4. Michael suggested the conversion of a large SDOT owned land near the Youngstown Flats into the Dakota Place Park. This park has developer support and was originally supported by a prior matching fund project, but has been held up due to concern about liability insurance between developer and city. David suggests talking with Jennifer Wieland (SDOT) and Kerry suggests allowing her to follow this project thru the channels suggested of her first.
5. Ranette suggested a safe crossing for children going into Pathfinder school at Genesse and 21<sup>st</sup>.

Each process is at differing stages of growth. However, the ACT cannot apply for all 5 projects at 1 time. Each project must have its own application. David is willing to provide neighborhood plan comments and recent feedback from 2014 community engagement efforts in support of the 5 projects above.

Around the room, the ACT agreed to support the projects above.

**TO DO:** Michael (#1), Nicholas (#3) and Ranette (#5) agreed to fill out the application and submit by Feb 9. Staff are willing to review/support applications as requested.

**TO DO:** Willard (#2) will wait to see the status of an upcoming community meeting before deciding to apply

**TO DO:** Kerry and Michael (#4) will continue to follow thru with this project and seek additional help should it get further stalled.

### Trust for Public Lands Fitness Center Project

Pam from Parks announced that the Trust for Public Lands has selected 4 sites in Seattle to help raise capital funds for an outdoor fitness center/zone, including 1 at the Delridge Community Center. The hope is that these fitness areas are

used for social gatherings, comfortable fitness and fit within the neighborhood surroundings. They also need coordinated neighborhood support. The community is not expected to raise funds, but the city, Parks Fnd and others coordinated by TPL will and will also expect broad support and promotion/use. David suggested the planning of this fitness center could be incorporated into the upcoming ACT process of community engagement. Ivan commented he thinks this looks pretty good, convenient, free and accessible. David B agreed this seemed like a good project. Kim wondered how often these outdoor fitness zones are used, citing that others she's seen don't seem as active. Pam said she could find out and invite the TPL folks to an ACT meeting. Aileen wondered about ongoing programming support. Pam said that is why they chose to locate at the community center and hope it is integrated into their programs. Others seemed supportive.

**TO DO:** Pam will coordinate with David/Aileen about possible coordination of this fitness center project with ACT community engagement process.

### **Amy- Public Health SKC- Health Planning Context**

Amy provided overall context again to the health planning "lens" we are using to create our plan this year. As David previously handed out and mentioned, there are social determinants of health that literally reduce life expectancy for residents based on where they live.

See handouts: Delridge health data, planning context (Strong community/orgs, health people/families, supportive physical environment), and health/equity data.

For example, life expectancy in Delridge is 0-9 years behind the average in KC. Delridge ranks highest in the city in lower respiratory disease, suicide, obesity and fair/poor overall health. As causes of death over the years shifted from pollution/toxicity to possibly preventable diseases, Public Health focused their strategies differently too. Things like access to opportunities to be active, access to healthy and affordable food, and accessible transportation are intertwined. And we have to dig deeper; its not just if a neighborhood has parks, but are they safe, clean and useful.

### **New Grant Opportunity- PHSKC**

Amy and David mentioned a new grant opportunity called "Partnerships to Improve Community Health" (PICH) that builds off of many previous initiatives in the past. (Like Food and Fitness, etc.) David mentioned that the city would like to submit a proposal for Delridge that builds on the work already done and seeks to convene community partners and organizations, seek actionable items and priorities and adjust city planning processes as well. Willard commented of his positive experience with the cornerstone grocery campaign at DNDA. David commented that FEEST is a national leader in youth, policy and food and it was born out of food and fitness. FEEST is a possible convener and partner, according to David. Aileen mentioned her experience in White Center included paying attention to community programs and organizing not just policy change, allowing each neighborhood to create unique plans and working with schools/education as high priority areas. Ranette also mentioned the co-op was supported by Food and Fitness too.

**TO DO:** David will follow up with Delridge organization partners on the grant submittal

### **One on one meeting insights**

Aileen thanked the group for meeting with her recently to get a better sense of their background, interests and ideas for moving the ACT forward. In summary, see the handout for more detail. Overall impressions included: a) an overall interest from all to dig deeper into the economic development and vitality of Delridge- from node development, to traffic and pedestrian flow to small business organizing b) general support for the priorities listed in past plans, revealed in recent community outreach and in line with all- with some need for OED and SPD especially to be involved in the planning, c) community outreach is our way to see that underrepresented communities have voice in the plan d) suggestions about learning from other neighborhoods and their ACT process, rotating meeting locations to see more of Delridge and other suggestions for more interactive meetings.

## **Neighborhood Planning 1999**

As we've said, this ACT process builds off of previous work and plans created by the community. David recently reviewed the neighborhood plan (handed out) and reviewed it recently for how it relates to us today.

For example, some 1999 ideas that we might want to revisit include: updating the open space and trails plan (partners and funders), Mobility (IE: the new multi modal plan), Development (zoning, housing affordability, OED), Community Health (disaster prep, human services) and Food access (Farmers market)

**TO DO:** ACT, Please review the original plan/matrix for question and context.

## **Upcoming Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting**

Normally we meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday. However in Feb, it falls on Presidents Day so we are moving it to Feb 23. Future meetings will include some presentation of a mapping exercise of where folks shop, recreate, etc. and a Food Access presentation from Sharon.

**TO DO:** David will share asset mapping exercise

**TO DO:** Aileen will follow up with suggestions about compiling a community organization stakeholder list for Delridge.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm. Minutes submitted by Aileen Balahadia.