

Martin Luther King Park Neighborhood Association/King Park Neighbors

Public Meeting

January 19, 2023

Location: Lodge

Meeting Called to Order: 7:08

Present: 13 adult residents and/or stakeholders

1. Welcome - Tasha Chapman
2. Trash Equity Presentation- Chi Benedict
3. At next Public Meeting – HRS will complete an overview of their services and we will begin to create a list of resources available to the community
4. Committee Summaries
 - a. Programming - Ellen Atkins - see list of upcoming events; mini health fair - Calvin College of Nursing
 - b. Safety Committee - Tino Scott - introduction as new committee chair; Key radar items – push to have GRPD at our meetings, request to patrol neighborhood
 - c. Marketing and Communication Committee - Christina McPike; Goals to increase reach to 1300 residents in area – creation of marketing approach, yard signs have drawn people in well, food, advertising, FB-most up to date, website revamp, use of new park information board
 - d. Finance Committee - Scott Northway; Development of operational budget for the next year
 - e. Block Champions - Tasha Chapman; Review of Block Champion Program – including training on mental health, leadership, restorative practice, social determinates of health, BOMAC – problem solving, victim advocacy, code compliance training, education on court system, disaster preparedness, fire safety, LAST – social change; Development of neighborhood block parties, passing out neighborhood flyers; offer of stipends or incentives to participate.
5. Reminder to residents re: openings for members at large as well as spots on committees
6. Review change of committee meeting to occur the 4th Thursday monthly - for 2 hrs with all the committees together - Programming to start at 6-7 and Safety to close from 7-8
7. Strategic Plan for the next 3 years - Tabled; add to next meeting for full review
 - a. *Programming - continuing annual events scheduled and adding value to events tying them to something we want to target re: seasonal or social needs, partnering with other events*
 - b. *Public Safety- enhancing the connection that we have with public safety; Tino willing to assume role of chair of public safety; build relationships with residents in community; identify threats in the community and targeting those that may be applicable to areas that we can effect; reach out to other NA's re: safety measures that meet those that we can effect through providing programs/ events/ activities/ opportunities for neighbors*
 - c. *Marketing - linked with programming/ public safety formally; increase strategy re: events to promote ourselves and future events at all events; creating a marketing specific meeting re: a strategic plan*
 - d. *Stakeholder - adding a meeting that targets this specifically; discuss how to engage and keep stakeholders engaged (food!), ask how they can contribute*
 - e. *Targeting Populations - identify and developing holistic programs specific to these populations*
 - f. *Park Activation - developing programs specific to this - partnering with current organizations in place FOGRP ,GR P&R, Team Sports in the neighborhood, Duke Turley, Thrive Outside, Can we tap into the pool staff to hand out a lending library*
 - g. *Community Improvement - create more robust and wide reaching events; block champions; neighborhood beautification- alley clean up; trash pick up; tap into neighbors that have beautiful yards*
8. Martin Luther King Park Lodge Update
 - a. Stakeholder Committee: Scott Northway, Ellen Atkins and Jenn Victor- Next meeting planned for January / February

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9. Plan to have an event at the end of the summer as a goodbye to the lodge; February - plan for stakeholders- dinner event
10. Public Comment - 3 Minute Limit: Neland – Review of the large addition to the church with a request to add; review of the Community Connector position 15hrs week that they are interested in funding; Planning for a community event – food, touring of space- inner and outer, rentable space- will not be charged more than members and build community; Kristine B. discussed upcoming classes being held at Fuller CRC
11. Next Meeting 3rd Thursday in March 16th @7pm
12. Meeting Adjourned: 8:02pm