

Notes

District 21 - Participatory Budgeting Project Steering Committee Meeting 1 March 10, 2021 5:30 - 6:30 pm (Virtual)

In Attendance: Lacey McNary, Erin Chism, Ahmed Farah, Nicole George, Rachel Roarx, Patricia Murrell, Ann Glenn, Andrew Scott, Kitty Keith, Betsy Ruhe, Estela, Kitty,

Introductions

Lacey - Laying out the foundation for tonight. Talking about group agreements.

What is participatory budgeting? Lacey discusses this with the committee.

Nicole - Specifics of the neighborhoods. NDF funds explanation. Neighborhood funds and where they come from. What can the funds be used for. Examples of past spending from neighborhood funds and city funds.

Lacey - Explanation of the survey data. Go over each neighborhood comparing the actual population data with the survey data.

Nicole - Does this align with what you understand about your neighborhood and what can we do to improve that?

Estela - the numbers seem to indicate that the neighborhood data is more reflective than the survey data. Don't know how we can even this out - a lot of people just don't engage. Not sure how to encourage them how to engage

Pat - don't beat yourself up, this is the first step and the first effort in this process for the district. The issue about rentals, those people who are in rentals are going to have less participation. The next step could be discussion about what this committee comes up with and then explore ways to share those. What about the neighborhood associations, did we go there?

Nicole - not all associations are active during covid

Kitty - It is sad because we have many long time residents. Disappointed in the number of respondents

Betsy - would like to know age, but I bet the big chunk of respondents would be old, white, middle class. Go to churches, pic pac,

Rachel - coordinating the next meeting. Proposing Monday, March 29 @ 5:30

Nicole - we will follow up with people who did not attend the meeting tonight

Lacey - what can you all do before the next meeting.

Nicole - We can re-open the survey. Betsy, can you give us a list of churches? Kitty is right about maybe going door to door. Pat says groups are not meeting, so it's a bit more difficult to reach folks. Estela does not have ideas