



Visioning Task Force Meeting Minutes

Location: Garden Home Recreation Center, Room 10

Date: May 16, 2019

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Attendees

VTF Members in Attendance: Ann Albrich, Ronald Ferguson, Ewnetu Tsegaw, Holly Van Houten, Victor Sin, Rachel Gowland, Nadia Hasan, Olivia Brown, Kanthi Karumbunathan, Richard Goldner, Shreya Jain, & Reid Quiggins.

VTF Members Excused: America Rodriguez

THPRD Staff: Jaspreet Chahal, Holly Thompson; **JLA Staff:** Allison Brown

	Agenda Item + Notes
6:00 pm	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting started at 6 pm. Allison Brown, JLA welcomed the Vision Task Force (VTF) members. Allison & Jaspreet reviewed room/building set-up and the meeting agenda.
6:05 pm	<p>Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VTF members and staff introduced themselves, shared what excites them about parks, why they are motivated to serve on the task force, and a fun fact about themselves.
6:43 pm	<p>Project Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holly & Jaspreet gave a presentation with background information on THPRD, services it provides, and the history of THPRD's formation as a community driven vision from the original founders. Then they provided an overview to the visioning process and the various phases of the process the VTF will be leading over the next year. Staff also reviewed the stipend THPRD would be providing and the necessary paperwork to receive the stipend. VTF Members asked questions of staff and JLA related to engagement and outreach for the visioning process. They asked about different techniques for gathering public input and how they would be incorporated into the process including online tools, telephone surveys, forms, and outreach to diverse audiences. VTF members were asked to brainstorm on their own outreach opportunities with community organizations or public events and to email their ideas to Jaspreet to incorporate into our outreach calendar.
7:35 pm	<p>Paired Interviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VTF members split into pairs of 2 and interviewed each other and reported back on their conversation. Members were asked to discuss ideas for community engagement. Some of the responses included suggestions for a diversity of engagement. Some people want to give short responses versus a long conversation. Different youth groups, schools, gyms, walking & talking at nature parks, phone surveys.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaging people with mental health issues (parks balancing you out), appreciating the now. The deaf community – what barriers people experience. Being where people recreate – people love it and are invested. Nature mobile. Schools – talking to kids. Setting things up for the next vision. Although quick responses are good on occasion people want to have a longer session and really think. Want to have focus groups Neighborhood Association Committees (NAC) or Community Participation Organizations (CPO) meeting have a back/forth longer session. Future outlook / resiliency of park system. Appreciated THPRD at table finding solutions. Safe parking program. Unmet needs by underserved populations. Cultural organizations where people are coming together. Korean community / churches / MET, APANO, Centro, Ethiopian & Slavic communities. Need to connect with youth – lived experience of youth and understand what they are experiencing. Utilize technology & social media. Engage our own communities – Ethiopian community – know where they hang out and talk to them. Find people where you know they are going to be. Go to middle schoolers. Get entry to middle schools. Have them be the speakers. Get people out of their regular pathways and see what is available. Like what THPRD has available. Parenting support groups needed. Want to focus on communities not coming to THPRD. Help 2nd generation family members educate their 1st generation family members. Interested in shared lived experience of VTF members. Need to do on-line outreach. Reach out to high school age, middle & elementary age about how they want parks to be.
8:02 pm	Public Comment – None. No visitors were in attendance.
8:02 pm	Next Step Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group established they would have an Outreach and Engagement Training on Thursday, May 30th from 6 to 8 pm at Garden Home Recreation Center. Not all VTF Members could make the meeting however staff will arrange an alternative time to assist them in preparation for outreach.
8:10 pm	Meeting Adjourned

Minutes Approved by the VTF on 6/6/19