

Northside-Southside Joint Green Zone Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

June 12, 2024 - 05:30 PM

Farview Park Recreation Center

Northside Members Present: Joanne Goddard, Leslee Jackson, Markeeta Keyes, Audua Pugh, Michelle Shaw, Hillary Thomas, Akia Vang, and Georgianna Yantos (Quorum - 8)

Northside Members Absent: Michael Chaney, Terinda Love, Lars Morris, Roxxanne O'Brien, Jayda Pounds, Anthony Taylor

Southside Members Present: Samara Adam, Robert Hendrickson, Megan Kuhl-Stennes, Mohamud Roble, and José Luis Villaseñor (Quorum - 9)

Southside Members Absent: Cassandra Holmes, Kowsar Mohamed

Guests: Kennedy Pounds, Karen Clark, Moncies Franco, Jennifer Davis, Daniel Colten Schmidt, Tashawna Williams, Mariam Slayhi, Candy Bakion, Liam Davis Temple, Betsy Brock, Council Member Jason Chavez

Staff : Alice Froehlich, Megan Greenberg, Kelly Muellman, Lucy Shapiro

Call To Order

Alice opened the meeting and summarized the role of the Northside and Southside Green Zone bodies.

Alice asked Kelly to call roll. There was not a quorum present for Southside Green Zone Council or Northside Green Zone Task Force. So adoption of the agenda and acceptance of [May 8, 2024 Northside Green Zone Task Force](#) minutes and [May 8, 2024 Southside Green Zone Council](#) minutes were skipped.

Later in the meeting Northside made quorum.

Introductions

Members introduced themselves and answered the icebreaker, what is your favorite rhubarb dish?

Discussion

Brief Background

Alice explained that in October an ABC reform ordinance passed requiring all bodies to create new enabling legislation. This is an opportunity to discuss tiering and make a recommendation to the Clerks Office. The meeting continued conversations on Green Zones collective future and what elements to include in the new legislation.

Alice summarized a list of things to keep in mind from past Green Zone conversations.

Breakout groups discussion

Members broke into two groups, one to discuss what topics a tier 2 Green Zone body would focus on and the other what a tier 3 Green Zone body would focus on.

Share out

The two breakout groups came together to report out.

Summary of the tier 3 advisory board group discussion:

- Building more structure in our communication with council committees and as a whole.
- Circling back is important for tier 3 body to get a response and next steps for letters.
- Members want to be notified about development projects in the Green Zones
- Climate chaos work is relevant and important to continue (air quality, trees, weatherization etc.)
- In annual work plans leave room for emergent needs that come up
- Could develop a process for evaluating the boundaries
- Issues that are geographically happening in Northside are still relevant in Southside but these areas and communities are unique.

Summary of the tier 2 commission group discussion

- Reviewing new projects and monitoring compliance for existing projects.
- EJ checklist legislative directive. If commission were to evaluate and decide on EJ checklist what would be collected to include environmental, health, racial impacts?
- All info should be made available and understandable
- Early notification to community members in time for them to engage
- Make sure commission is a welcoming space and structured in a way that community has space
- Reparations and healing
- What are the current costs and impacts of health outcomes, what is the benefit of clean air and water?
- What is the trade off in order to take on the decision-making powers?
- There could be subcommittees that would inform main container.

Next Steps

- Members did a quick temperature check for tier 2 or 3
- Members want the next meeting dedicated to hearing from each other and having a consensus after that

Announcements

Michelle read short statements from two neighborhood groups.

Next Northside-Southside Joint Green Zone meeting: July 24, 2024