

Minutes: PPA Community Building Project and Finance & Admin Committees, 6/23/19

Attending: Noël Gordon Jr., Nellie Jerome (PPA staff), Susan Larson-Fleming, Lydia McAnerney, Jerry Stein, Lynn Von Korff (Chair)

The committee agreed to take the following actions:

- The consultant work/position description will be edited “round robin” style by committee members, to be completed by Friday 6/28 and posted soon after
- Nellie will continue to reach out to CURA for assistance and advice, and will complete the demographic summary report. Nellie will also to reach out to the following organizations for any available data:
 - U of MN off-campus housing for the total number of students living in PP and for any other relevant data (financial data/income/poverty stats for students, food insecurity, year in school/education level, international students and place of origin, other organizations in the area who provide any and all services to students)
 - Dept of Regulatory Services
 - PP 2040 Survey (careful this is self-selection)
 - CURA (in-person likely) -what is their process? Who can apply for community-based researcher positions?
 - Any other community organizations wo do work in the area?

Summary of meeting:

Jerry presented the summary of Community Building Project objectives, to be added to the top of the position description. This was not a position description, but a project summary. These 3 goals/objectives can be used to in the hiring process to get feedback from and to assess potential candidates, for example:

- How would a candidate go about connecting to neighborhood groups and those who don't generally participate in neighborhood decision making? (item #2)
- What would be the best way to draw people into community participation, in the candidate's opinion? (item #3)

All present agreed that the project should include both active outreach/data-gathering, and developing written plans. There should be an emphasis on active community engagement throughout the process. The consultant will advise us and we will advise them – this will be back and forth, collaborative.

This will be an iterative process – we will have “gut checks” and may have to alter our scope or our thinking based on what we find from the data. We should be eager to spend our NRP finds on this phase 1 – let's see what we come up with! -Jerry

Pratt School and MPS changes tie in here as well – potential school closure would affect the neighborhood and outreach and involvement.

Next meeting scheduled for 3pm on Friday, June 28th.