

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Lynda Bui, Amanda Kirk, Willard Brown, David Bestock, Ranette Iding, Michael Taylor-Judd, Parie Hines
Absent: Kim Justice, Dorsal Plants (Conflict time), Carol Williams (moved), Nicholas Ames (Conflict time), Ivan Cruz
Staff/Guests: David Goldberg, Aileen Balahadia

Intro/Welcome/Updates

Lee Bui, Lynda's father, and representative of the Vietnamese Cultural Center welcomed the group to their home and invited them for a tour once the meeting was complete. The center is the home for the Tran Hung Dao Foundation formed back in 1975. Thank you for hosting!

Ranette announced the Delridge Co-Op farm stand is open now on Thursdays 4-7pm now through Sept 20. This is a partnership with HSD/City and also accepts fresh bucks. This year that feature a Seattle grower from Highland Park neighborhood! This is also a good time to become a member of the Co-Op as they need to ramp this up quickly.

David announced that DNDA received a large DON matching fund grant to produce a series of cultural events in 2016 (including partnership with Vietnamese center during Tet). Congrats!

Willard presented a DNDA project that he is seeking an ACT letter of support for. They would like to purchase and develop an old City Light transfer station surplus wetland property at 5631 23rd Ave SW (20,000 square feet) into an urban agriculture farm and teaching center. Its also feeds into Longfellow Creek. They are working with K-8 STEM school to create a teaching garden and would focus on production, sustainable gardening and permaculture. They received a \$45K King County green grant but are still in need of funding to reach their \$80K acquisition goal. Parie motioned to support the project. Michael 2nd and the group overall approved.

TO DO: Willard to create a letter of support template, with David's help, to circulate amongst the group via email.

Find it Fix It walk with the Mayor is still on tap for October focused on Brandon Node. ACT should participate. Kerry Wade coordinating.

Outdoor gym/ fitness equipment project at Delridge Community Center- they've begun some outreach but still need to reach diverse constituents to understand how to program/staff and encourage diverse usage.

TO DO: Michael to follow up with them about outreach to Vietnamese center.

June 6 Delridge Community Workshops Review

Thanks to everyone who participated and attended the June 6th workshop. David shared with the group his summary notes of comments from the day first summarized with key themes on the first page, then raw notes on the subsequent pages. Overall David was pleased with the broad support the community offered for the recommended strategies.

- Vibrant neighborhood destinations: Definite alignment with desire to develop neighborhood supportive services and in line with hope to engage OED. Brandon node is more visible. Zoning is a necessary tool
- Active Transportation: Still need notes from the multimodal transportation booth. But again, agreement with transit improvements, east/west stairs and trail connection (Opportunity to focus on Delridge for next round of parks open space planning), and identity/place/streetscape

- Active Parks and Open Space: Alignment with trails work (Parks/Open space future work), Camp Long, programming and affordability
- Access to Health Foods: Comments geared more towards a focus on Delridge residents accessing Delridge businesses, not nearby businesses. There was lots of support for existing community projects too. A matrix of all the healthy foods work in Delridge would be helpful to chart/catalog.
- Employment- marketing vacant commercial spaces (OED work!), transportation
- Natural Drainage System- supportive of SPU work

TO DO: David to chart out 5-6 Delridge area food projects (Community Orchard, Co-Op, Pigeon Point edible farm, DNDA wetland, Little Red Hen, others?)

Conversation followed about the Food Access strategy and the community's desire for a wide range of food options- small mobile food stands to affordable ready to eat food to farmers markets and the larger supermarket concept. Ranette mentioned it'd be interesting to figure out what other food deserts across the country have determined were the right mix of food business to serve their community. Michael made an overall comment about the need to include all Delridge projects and ideas into the written plan and document- since it becomes part of the public record and something that politicians and funders in the future can refer to as resources become available.

Building our Work ahead

As the Action Plan begins to take final shape, we need to keep thinking about the next phase of work and who actually stewards the larger Plan to fruition. We'll likely need 2-3 more ACT meetings to finish out the Plan work. After that, we'll have to understand the Delridge lay of the land and possible interests from community groups to take on overall (or pieces) of the plan to action. Much of Aileen's future work will be to work and meet with Delridge organizations to assess this. Meanwhile, we'd like to see what projects ACT members themselves may be interested in taking on through the year. Please break into 2 small groups and answer the questions, "What are ideas or projects you are most excited about? What can the Delridge ACT spearhead and lead in the last half of the year?"

Group A:

1. Economic Development. OED investment, support for small business start ups, small business investment, design guidelines and principles to attract the "Right" development, beautification of "Welcome to Delridge", food truck work in Delridge, understanding more from On Board Othello in Rainier Valley
2. Zoning oversight. Neighborhood growth is happening. How can we be on top of it in a positive way? Includes natural drainage system oversight via SPU too. (Relates to growth/development)

Group B:

1. Business Development. Delridge as a destination, bringing money to the community, economic development, encourage new businesses and tourism into Delridge, business incubator models, subsidies to help small business.
2. Beautification/Pride/Art. Improve sense of ownership
3. Grocery store work.

Generally, Michael noted that the groups listed the 2 areas that aren't getting as much attention from other groups. Economic Development and Growth/Development. The other areas of the Plan (Transportation, Parks/Open Space, Healthy Food) each seem to have their own traction and momentum. It seems logical for ACT to focus on the these.

TO DO: Aileen will organize these major themes into possible action plans/committees to review by August mtg.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm (Group agreed to stay late). Minutes submitted by Aileen Balahadia. Next meeting Aug 17, 2015 at place TBD.