



Reconnect South Park Advisory Convening Committee

Meeting Agenda

Date: June 28, 2022

Facilitator- Madeleine/Cote

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Time Keeper- Eric B

Location: South Park Hall, 1253 S.

Minute Taker- JC

Cloverdale St, Seattle, WA 98108

Call to Order- 6:12pm

Introductions (Madeleine Spencer)

- Why we called you here
 - Madeleine- w/ Place Making US
 - United Streets of America- a movement to allow for communities to eat in their streets/right-of-ways during COVID
 - Cote shared her vision with her in August 2020
 - Did traffic count to see if removing the highway was possible
 - Asking this group as the first meeting of stakeholders the following:
 - To be ambassadors to the project
 - To be part of the advisory group to help assist develop the RFP criteria
 - Looking for a 1,000 people to be engaged and a part of the process

- Name, Sector, Accomplishment most proud of (Ice Breaker)
 - Erynne (she/her)
 - UW Architecture program and Environmental science
 - Building the South Park model
 - Erin (she/her)
 - UW Architecture program
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 - Tyler (he/him)
 - Student at Franklin HS. Works with and is involved in Cultivate South Park
 - JC (he/him)
 - Owner of local construction company in South Park
 - Working with Cultivate SP to provide them a space to operate Urban Fresh Food out of
 - Maria (she/her)
 - Lives in Westwood. Chair of the Duwamish Affordable Housing Coalition
 - Raising her two boys and being a grandma
 - Cayce (they/them)
 - City of Seattle Public Space and Equity Program. Working with South Park for 4 years. Will manage the contract and RFP process
 - Establishing trust with the communities and people of South Park
 - Jessica (they/them)
 - Teacher at Concord International
 - Getting a barrier installed for trail on 14th Ave
 - Robin (she/her)
 - DRCC Duwamish Valley Affordable Housing Coalition
 - Erica (she/her)
 - UW Architecture Program, Duamis Valley Safety Streets, White Center/Delridge resident
 - Securing funding for trail connecting South Park to Georgetown
 - Karina (she/her)
 - Community member of SP, involved in youth advocacy
 - Made it through the pandemic with their youth homelessness program in tact
 - David (he/him)
 - Seattle Times reporter
 - Still having a job in journalism
 - Sam (he/him)

- Georgetown Steam Plant Projects- affordable housing and community space
 - Securing a 60-year lease for the Steam plant
 - Cote (she/her)
 - Owner of Resistencia Coffee
 - Setting boundaries with work & community to be able to be with her 3 kids
 - Rosa (she/her)
 - Community member of SP
- Community Agreements
 - Practice Curiosity
 - Speak & listen from the heart
 - Brutal honesty
 - Participation from all
 - Step up/ Step back
 - Center BIPOC voices
 - Willingness to change your mind with new information
 - Actively seeking those who aren't in this room or at the table
- Common Values (Cote)- 6:34pm
 - Safety
 - Resilience to connect despite disconnected geography
 - MultiCultural
 - We take care of our kids
 - South Park State of Mind
 - "IF to You want to get involved You can!
 - Familys
 - Health
 - Art
 - Community Care
 - Decision-making by primarily affected people
 - Cross cultural
 - Latinx
 - Space to Connect
 - Youth Centered
 - Collectivism
 - Proactive Future
 - Neighborliness
 - Inclusivity
 - Generosity
 - Increase Access for marginalized folks

- Fierce advocacy for one another
- Kapwa- intersection of community and self
- Mutual Aid
- Gathering
- Incubator of Relationships = Resilience
- Connection to land & the River
- Youth
- Building Connection despite/because of the Highway
- Play
- Intergenerational-Cultural Support System
- Resilience < Relationships, Connection

Reconnect South Park Initiative Overview (Cote Soerens)- 6:57

- Goals, Vision, Values
 - Reclaiming Land for Equitable Development
 - Remove Highway 99 to invest in community well-being and prosperity
 - Free up 40 acres of land for housing, business, and green space
 - Why?
 - Air & Noise Pollution
 - Health effects of pollution on residents, especially children and youth
 - Increase walkability and livability
 - Once in a generation opportunity to address displacement of communities of color (right a horrible wrong)
 - 2 steps of knowledge
 - Practical
 - Technical
 - Need to have differing views and desires
 - Don't waste the proposal on small issues
 - Link the different strengths of practical and technical knowledge
 - Neighborhood
 - Place-based
 - Asset-based
 - Power Aware
 - Newsworthy!
 - History & Narrative are a powerful point

Introduction to RFP Process (Cacey James)- 7:20

- Feasibility & Community Visioning
 - RFP Process
 - Community Led Engagement
 - Technical Feasibility/Study
- 1st step
 - Develop alternatives
 - Determine fatal flaws of removal
- Work Plan and Next Steps
- Project Timeline

Group Ideas & Questions

- Would RSPACC help choose, read, evaluate application?
- Are there evaluations methods?
- Health Expert needs to be on the team
- Community led Selection Committee
- Examine and address unintended consequences of Removal
- Historical Resources: Draw on data from the studies already done
- People affected should decide (community guided)
- Extend beyond usual suspects of government agencies/groups
- Needs to be focused on the future
- Vision based- fighting for something, not against something

Group Homework/Questions

1. What hopes do you have for this project that can Inform how we structure the Community Vision Planning Process & Technical Studies?
 - a. What are key things that these Processes can consider?
2. How can we Structure the community Vision plan and consultant selection Processes to be most Supportive of Community needs & relationships?
3. How can we structure the process to best support authentic Community leadership?

Closing

- This needs to be vision based fighting for something, not against something