

KCFFI Meeting of Youth Serving Organizations

May 5th, 2008 4:30 – 6:30pm

Youngstown Cultural Arts Center, South Classroom

NEXT MEETING: TBD (via Meeting Wizard)

Present: Randy Engstrom, Estevan Munoz-Howard, Marissa Chavez, Serena Lehman, Sue Lerner, Maggie Anderson, Roxana Chen, Joyce Pisnanont, Emma Henderson, Danny Huang, Alberto Mejia, Quyet Huynh

Meeting Goals:

- 1) Ground rules for participation
- 2) Principles of engagement
- 3) Budget for youth engagement
- 4) Planning for Delridge Day / Detroit Conference

Meeting Notes

- **Ground Rules**
 - Those in attendance came up with a few basic rules:
 - Respect self & others: no cursing, fighting, smoking
 - Put forth your best effort
 - Be on time
 - One person at a time
 - Ask for help appropriately
 - Put youth first – make space for youth voice & perspectives
 - **Principles of Engagement**
 - Discussion of the consensus decision making model led the group to a voting method called the Five Finger Vote, which is similar to the consensus model.
 - Each member of the group votes using 1-5 fingers
 - 5 fingers – total agreement + willingness to take on a leadership role
 - 3 fingers – indifferent
 - 1 finger – have concerns, let's discuss
 - **Assessments**
 - Built Environment Assessments:
 - Walking Audits in White Center & Delridge Neighborhoods
 - Assessments can be of both deficits and assets
 - Fitness & Recreational Audit:
 - Audit of safe facilities, what they do and do not provide
 - Food Systems Assessments:
 - Interviewing corner stores regarding the availability of fresh foods (in the community and in their store).
- ** The assessments will be done separately (with separate tools) but do not need to be completed on separate days.
- Surveying at Delridge Day, May 31st:
 - Pre-Survey around youth knowledge; Post-Survey
 - Using this survey as a tool to assess a more qualitative assessment
 - Potential question: What are ways that you engage in fitness?
 - How will we use this information in the Community Action Plan?

- Where do people want more evaluation?
 - What zip code do people live in?
 - * The group has decided not to survey at Delridge Day, but instead has decided to use that time to recruit youth.
- Qualitative Assessments:
 - Need to be narrow in focus.
 - Photovoice & Video:
 - Photovoice can be less engaging for high school students - better suited for middle school students
 - Photovoice can be used to supplement walking audits
 - Conduct interviews / photovoice / videos in the languages of the community – via youth
 - Videos can be less technical, using more voice
 - 3-5 minute videos can be completed in 1-2 weeks
 - Each youth will have the opportunity to make their own
 - More exciting for high school aged youth
- **Proposed Summer Plan**
 - A core group of 6-8 youth will:
 - Lead a Wednesday group (June-July)
 - This group will convene with a different collaborative youth group for 2 hours each week to:
 - Cook fresh foods & eat together
 - Share information about food & fitness work youth are doing in their programs
 - Video workshops
 - YMI has offered to alter their curriculum so that the video workshop series can be completed in a shortened period, with students meeting for 2 hours each Wednesday (prior to dinner)
 - Workshops would be from mid June through mid July
 - At the end of the workshops, students will create individual 3-5 minutes videos
 - Assessments
 - There will be an opportunity for 2 built environment assessments (currently, walking audits by Feet First in White Center & Delridge) and 2 food assessments (currently not specified)
 - Though Wednesday nights are only expected to last through the end of July, students will be expected to remain active until October.
 - Staying active will include assisting in community events and wrapping up with videos or other projects as needed.
 - Detroit Conference, June 23rd-26th
 - Youth were asked to complete an application and, after attending the conference (if selected), commit to:
 - Wednesday night dinners (2 hours/week) and
 - Complete at least 2 assessments
 - Other community events / presentations as needed
 - Other field trip opportunities will be available for youth you cannot accommodate for the Detroit trip.
- **Announcements**
 - Grocery store audit, Saturday, May 24th, 2008
 - Need: youth and adults to help with grocery store audits. This will be an all day event (time to be determined). The information gathered at this event can be used to begin discussions with community members.