

Westwood Unidos Leadership Meeting
2/19/2013
Revisión International, 3735 Morrison Road
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Meeting Chair: Eric Kornacki

4:00 PM: Check in & roll call (Eric)

Attendees:

Eric Kornacki
Anne Lane
Rachel Cleaves
Angela Bomgaars
Anabelle Rodriguez
Norma Brambila
Isabel Lopez
Elena
Christi Longsdorf
Reyna Zarate
Indira Guzman

4:10 – 4:15: Review Agenda (Eric)

4:15 – 4:25: DF, ULC, and LWW plan for funding Westwood Unidos in 2013 (Rachel)

- Review the WU budget
- Rachel went over how the budget is funded
- Need to submit a request for Denver Foundation money
- LiveWell Westwood has \$14,000 available immediately

4:25 – 4:45: Review and Discuss Draft Westwood Unidos Budget

- The group discussed the proposed budget (attached)
 - For each action committee, instead of food line item, make it flexible so that the committee could spend that money in other ways, such as computer and English or other classes for those members of the committee to reward them for their commitment and grow the resident.
 - Eric asked for more transparency of the notes of the connectors also how can the connectors help with the food action committee
 - Rachel showed the new website at www.westwoodunidos.com, where the Connector Notes will be posted.
 - Anne suggested that if additional things, services or learning is needed by the connectors then to let us know.
 - Eric requested we stop using sisters of color and instead use revision for payroll.
 - A motion was made and the group voted to approve the budget.

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4:45 – 5:15: Presentations by Existing Action Teams followed by Discussion

- 1) Existing governance (meeting time, location, co-chairs, and how many people regularly attend?)
- 2) What they're working on and how they're working on it
- 3) How residents participated in deciding what they're working on
- 4) Discussion: What is the charge for the Action Team from the Leadership Team?

5:15 – 5:30: Review and Discuss Action Team Proposals (due March 6th) Send to Rachel.

Draft Proposals should include the following:

- Focus Areas
- Goals for Year
- How are you going to do it?
- A roadmap / General Work Plan
- Accountability (Evaluation? Reports)

General Discussion:

- Added draft page for budget
- ULC is interested in the built environment
 - o Engage the community in neighborhood improvements
- To start an action committee you need to look at the comments from the residents and then ask the leadership committee.
- Suggestion that we accept new committees once a year before the budget is set.
- Christie suggested we might have subcommittees under existing committees
- Angela suggests that new committees be formed and exist, but not get funding until they can show strong support.
- Next Steps: make sure the learning center time & location is made public

Safety Committee Presentation

- o 9:00 am on the fourth Monday
- o Working on:
 - o Alley's
 - o Lighting
 - o Dogs
- o Resident priorities come from the meetings
- o They go to the Police Commanders meetings
- o A police officer to attend the meetings and the big day of serving
- o Working with crime analysis
- o Any overlap with other safety committee?

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- Convey the message of safety to the Denver foundation - this is what the residents wanted to make them feel safe.
- Working on projects to make people feel safe in the neighborhoods

Food action committee Presentation

- Meetings are Monday evenings – changing to the second Wednesday of month from 5-7
- New program partner – Fresh Takes kitchen
 - Org that is new to offer fresh, healthy, affordable prepared meals to residents in Westwood
 - Order by Thursday, pick up on Monday
 - Eric has order forms and revision is a new pick up locations
 - They will get food from Revision gardens
- Working on taking the next steps in food production
- Small biz training with Denny to offer training classes
 - New food products
 - Has community space and then go to the Kitchen Network
 - 6 weeks of menus
- Food Co-op and turning it into an ownership model of the co-op. Run gardens, farms and market places. Owned by the residents

Built Environment Committee

1. 9am on the 3rd Wed
2. 17 people in the group
3. Lights on streets
4. Anabelle & Maricruz are leaders
5. Paint 5 houses
6. Art/clean alleys
7. Signs for pedestrians

Learning Center Committee

- Flyers – need more promotion –
- Meet Fridays at 12:30 PM at Reyna's House
- Had a meeting at head-start talking to people:
 - Social worker wanted to bring info and connect to Christina Amparan
 - Eric would like for her to come to and speak to his group
 - Safe summer kick off would be a good place.
- Elena is the leader

5:30 – 5:50: Illegal dumping Letter of Support for Paul's Proposed Law

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The best support would be if Westwood Unidos could write an open letter to all of Council letting them know they support the measure and the reasons why. Illegal dumping is experienced in various parts of the City but it's definitely more prevalent in some areas. In the areas where it's less prevalent, the Council representatives might not be as familiar with all the problems the residents experience due to illegal dumping.

- Need a letter to support
- Lots of kids and residents dump.
- Not just contractors
- Can we add signs – just for west Denver or Westwood that says don't dump!
- Can it also be added that a no dumping campaign be added to the ordinance
- How is it enforced? Is it realistic to have this ordinance?
- Eric, Norma, and Reyna volunteered to create a letter noting the reasons why we support by Feb 22nd
- We need PSA with signs to say no dumping on fence!

5:50 – 6:10: Announcements

6:10 – 6:15: Agenda and Facilitator of next meeting

March 19th, Revision is the Location, Christi will Facilitate. Rachel to send out call for agenda items.

6:15 – 6:30: Closing

WESTWOOD UNIDOS 2013 Budget

REVENUE	TOTAL	Per Month
LiveWell Westwood	50,000	
DF	25,000	
ULC	25,000	
Carry-Over from 2012	10,000	
Total Revenue	110,000	
EXPENSES		
Personnel		
Mike Green	9,000	
Connectors (reyna / Norma)	36,000	
Conenctors (Revision)	5,000	
Leadership Team Meetings		
Interpretation	650	50
Food	1,950	150
Action Committee Meetings (Safety, Learning, B.E., Food Access)		
Action Committee Meeting Interpretation	2,600	200
Action Committee Planning meeting interpretation	1,950	150
Food	2,600	200
Westwood Unidos General Meetings		
Interpretation	200	
Food	1,200	
General Meeting Planning meeting interpretation	200	
Action Team Budgets (Approximate)		
Safety	12,000	
Built Environment	12,000	
Learning Center	12,000	
Food Access	12,000	
Contingency	650	
Total Expenses	110,000	