



The City of



Economic Development

MEETING NOTES



Creating Jobs and Improving Educational Opportunities Working Groups

Wednesday Jan 22, 2020, 2:30–4:30 p.m.

San Diego Continuing Education Educational Cultural Complex Room 169
4343 Ocean View Drive, San Diego, CA, 92113

Meeting Notes

In Attendance:

John Alvarado – Good Neighbor Project
Henry Arriaga – San Diego Second Chance
Tinesia Commrueut – San Diego Housing Commission
Sarah Cooper – The League of Amazing programmers
Kim Ebert – San Diego Continuing Education
Gaby Gonzalez – San Diego Museum of Man + Cesar Chavez Service Clubs
Julie Hadfield – GRID Alternatives
Katty Ibarra – Women’s Business Center
Bridget Lambert – Nation Conflict Resolution Center
Leslie McNabb – City of San Diego
Ralph Muniz – Able Disabled Advocacy
Vivianne Noetzel – San Diego Second Chance
Luis Ojeda – City of San Diego
Cindy Quinonez – Local Direct San Diego
Ron Rode – San Diego Unified School District

Promise Zone Staff:

Kelsey Baird - Research and Development AmeriCorps VISTA
Connor Lareau – Research and Development AmeriCorps VISTA
Sean Karafin – Neighborhood Investment Manager

Welcome and Introductions:

Working Group Co-chairs Lydia Moreno, City of San Diego Economic Development Department and Stephen Colon, San Diego Workforce Partnership opened the meeting.

Media Coverage

- The Economic Development Department wants all working groups to communicate with them about upcoming events that could benefit from media coverage.
- Classes recently started at the National City Adult School for a drone and security program.
- The Engineers Week Awards Banquet is on Feb 21, where a student is receiving a STEM award from the League of Amazing Programmers.
- The Gateway Program will be recruiting 10 new students soon for paid internship positions.

Priority Federal Grant Opportunities

- Partners should be focusing on getting Promise Zone preference points for grants this year.
- "Our Town" is a federal placemaking grant that could be of interest to this group.

2020 Schedule and Guest Speakers

- From this point on, the working group will meet for 90 minutes instead of 120 minutes.
- Some members noted that changing the meeting time would work better with their schedules.
- Monarch School, Paving Great Futures, and MAAC Project were suggested as potential guest speakers.
- The group suggested focusing on short-term/small scale priority projects for 2020. Partners could be asked to commit to project based work, rather than long-term visionary work which has often been typical.

Community Meetings and Working Groups Discussion

- This group should be on the lookout for additional community meetings to attend outside of this working group.
- Barrio Logan Planning Group was suggested as a good supplemental meeting.
- It was suggested to collaborate with other working groups on projects that have overlapping objectives.

Career Crawl Update

- The event is tentatively scheduled for March 11.
- The group hopes to have 30-50 participating Opportunity Youth.
- A location for the event is still being considered.
- It was suggested that the group has the capacity for a interview/resume workshop segment.
- Youth shelters in the area could have Opportunity Youth that would greatly benefit from the Career Crawl.

Partner Announcements, Next Steps, and Wrap Up

- GRID Alternatives recently onboarded their new group of workers, and is having a job fair in the coming months.
- Councilmember Monica Montgomery is having her State of the District on Jan 22.
- The Women's Business Center is offering a workshop on starting childcare businesses.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday Feb 19, 2020, 2:30–4:30 p.m.

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