



## Increasing Access to Healthcare and Healthy Foods Working Group

Thursday, May 16, 2019 (3:00 – 4:30)  
Jackie Robinson Family YMCA  
151 YMCA Way, San Diego, CA 92102

### Meeting Notes

#### JACKIE ROBINSON YMCA

- **Background:** Had appropriate puzzle pieces in place to build community garden, but a restoration project for Chollas Creek illuminated a buffer zone that prevents building a community garden in the space we were looking at.
- **Pivoting opportunities:**
  - Working on something in the “corridor” patio area
  - Rooftop garden (using Copley-YMCA as a model)
  - Explore other pieces of Jackie Robinson property to see if anything else can work
- **New leadership:** Anna is going to be taking over Michael Brunker’s position
- **ACTION ITEMS:**
  - Connect with Anna, give her background information on the project, and see if she is open to exploring other options.
  - Reach out to Copley YMCA to learn more about their community garden plans

#### GRANTS

- Two grants that are coming up, between the two of them together it would be **\$20-25,000 MAX.**
  - Billingsley - <https://www.wellsfargo.com/private-foundations/billingsley-foundation/>
    - **DEADLINE: June 30<sup>th</sup>**
  - ASLA Community Grant - <https://www.asla-sandiego.org/asla-community-grant-applications-available/>
    - **DEADLINE: Opens: June 1st / Closes: August 18th**

### CHRISTINA ABUELO UPDATES

- **Goals:** Christina would like to find a sustainable way to maintain the Sherman Elementary School Garden and expand to more elementary schools in the Promise Zone.
- **SAGE Garden Project grant**
  - Christina has asked Katherine for a letter of support for SAGE funding
  - 6 schools have applied for this grant as separate entities
    - Award is \$15,000
  - The turnaround is 1 month
- **Cushman Foundation Grant:** <http://www.cushenterprises.com/jcf.html>
  - Leah's Pantry is the Lead Applicant
  - Grants of \$100,000 will be awarded
  - **Deadline:** May 10<sup>th</sup>

### NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Joni Gabriel** – Master Gardener
  - <https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/lifestyle/people/sd-me-one-gabriel-20170317-story.html>
  - <https://www.sandiegomagazine.com/San-Diego-Magazine/May-2019/Stunning-San-Diego-Landscapes-To-Inspire-Your-Green-Space/Edible-Landscaping-How-to-Get-Started-in-San-Diego/>
- **University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) Master Gardeners**
  - <https://www.mastergardenersd.org/>
- **Mia Vaughnes** – Good Neighbor Gardens
  - <https://www.goodneighborgardens.com/>
- **Monte Jones**
  - <https://www.loganheightscdc.org/>
  - **ACTION ITEM:** Follow-up with Monte

### POTENTIAL IDEAS TO EXPLORE

- City Heights CDC – <http://www.cityheightscdc.org/>
  - Creating green alleys
  - Paper street
  - The person running it already has appropriate permits for alleys between businesses and houses
- Woodbury Alley Opportunity
  - Lauren is waiting to hear from Community Planner in Barrio Logan
  - Land is privately owned by the surrounding businesses, need to connect with them regarding using that space for a project
- CAL-Fire Grant
  - **ACTION ITEM:** Lauren will find out if there is an option to plant fruit trees up the coast
- BrightSide Produce works with markets that the county doesn't

- <http://www.brightsideproduce.org/san-diego.html>
- Ariel's team is in the process of trying to hire someone from BrightSide as a Temporary Expert Professional (TEP).

#### **OTHER ORGANIZATIONS MENTIONED**

- San Diego Seed Company - <https://www.sandigoseedcompany.com/>
- Mindful Mushrooms - <https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Agriculture/Mindful-Mushrooms-469259043540468/>
- Kitchens for Good - <https://kitchensforgood.org/>

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Project New Village will have a segment on KPBS on May 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:30pm
  - <https://agrowingpassion.com/episode-706-community-gardens/>
- May 25<sup>th</sup>, 10am – 12pm – Community workday in the garden
  - This is every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday
  - Lunch follows at 12pm
- May 31<sup>st</sup> – Movie night at the garden