Meeting notes/action items

Present: Ashley, Tami, Bob, Hannah, Nasra

**Goal of the committee:** bridging the cultural divide by reaching out to the East African communities (Somali, Oromo, etc. – languages and countries, both towers and neighborhood).

**Reviewed Random Ideas with updates in blue:**

  - Find ways to include different age groups, men also?
  - Learn to say hi, Overcome government distrust, connect with restaurants, businesses, religious leaders,
  - Food and entertainment attracts people
- **Nasra** to check with Job Training program staff at Brian Coyle.
- **SNG presence at East African events: Somali Independence Day (outside Seward)** Nasra research – July 18th?
  - Table cost?, other events? **Volunteer opportunities**
- Multi-cultural Cooking classes at Seward Coop – **Tami contact Coop, Bob F cooking, others? Volunteer opportunity**
- Continue/re-start Community Conversations pot lucks – **Fall/Winter activity** **Volunteer opportunity**
- Better use of SNG Facebook presence. Possible special page for East African community? Kerry, Laura, Trish, Peter social media presence, bulletin board, newsletter, web page
- Towers events inclusivity – some events can’t be accommodated by towers due to construction, how can we help?
  - Possible ice cream social – at Mathews? Combine with Sunday movies in the park? Kerry check.
  - Towers night out table? - **Nasra Volunteer opportunity**
  - Towers monthly newsletter - Nasra
- Invite neighborhood textile crafters to come to East some Thursday afternoon during or after Sewing Circle and have weavers come as well. Kerry and Dian Volunteer opportunity
- **Leverage existing events** to draw a more diverse crowd – Open Streets, Garden Tour/Party, Winter Frolic, Walks, Bike rides, 4/28 Somali singer 8am at Cedar Cultural Center Master schedule of events - Kerry Volunteer opportunities
- Language lessons? **Integrate with/leverage existing events - Tie in with Community Conversations? Table at open streets? Volunteer opportunities**
- Seward Montessori spring event? Kerry, Nasra check.
- Improve/additional Franklin crossings? Safety and connection CDC letter to Public Works, Bob follow up
• Nice Ride/Spokes activities coordination – Tami work with Nasra to set up introductory ‘station demo’ rides/training sessions for 10 (sign up) in May. Spare bikes? Nice Ride Day May 18th, part of Bike week

• Connect with Imams at Mosque on Cedar – Nasra to set up for Friday 4/29 5:30 meet at East tower lobby

**Reviewed** Schedule something each month with updates in blue:

- **April/May** – multi-cultural tour of Somali museum – **May 18th, 5:45 there**, bus travel?, **carpool from SNG at 5:30** Lake St & 16th, $9 charge. **Nasra work with Kerry. Volunteer opportunity**

- **June** – Ice Cream Social/Movie?, Somali Mall tour bus travel, **Nasra, Volunteer opportunities**

- **July** Neighborhood walks starting – start one at East/West tower? **Bob** could host River Walk **Volunteer opportunity**
  - **July 14 garden walk**

- **August** - Towers Night Out **Volunteer opportunity**
  - Aug 21 – Franklin Open Streets. Neighborhood inclusivity/solidarity march/parade/bike rodeo/music/art/talent show? Dancing. Use of kick off ceremony in Triangle Park to showcase cultural pride? **Tami work with bike coalition; Slow bike race Volunteer opportunities**

- **September/October** Community Conversations Potluck#1?
- **November- December** – SNG annual meeting/potluck,
- **January** Community Conversations Potluck #2?

Advertise in Profile, on Website

**To remember:** Ramadan June 6 – July 7, prayer time at 3:30 pm and sunset (varies)

Next meeting: **May 5, 5:30 p.m. at Nasra’s. Potluck supper.**