

Community Building Committee Minutes January , 2017

Attendees: Kerry Cashman, Bob Friddle, Ashley Freitag, Diann Anders and Hannah Epstein.

Notable events/tasks:

- Facilitator position – have several good candidates, Kerry/Diann need to short list and interview, want to provide a cubicle in our office and create some introductory get-togethers when we have hired
- Taste of Seward tables – location beyond dining was not as accessible, consider moving near entry next time, try to add MPD and Hub of Heaven
- Love my Muslim/immigrant neighbor yard signs – available for sale. Preference for more inclusive if we expand this, I.E. Everyone Welcome, Seward Stands Together. We still have quite a few signs left.
- New Board members – need to approach Block Club leaders for help identifying volunteers – Kerry to get list. Preference is to get help rather than attending meetings. Clean-up, drain tagging, etc.
- Sambusa Sunday Unity dinner: discussed this event and the Islamophobia event held by CM's Frey and Warsame – can we do something similar? Can we leverage these groups? (This is from Kerry, I talked to Kayf from Capital Café and they are interested in doing something like this. We talked about ways to include it in King's Fair)
- Somali Mall tour–Coordinate with new hire
- Promote hub of heaven garden to immigrants? – **Kerry/Diann talk to Jim-**

New items:

- Triangle Park fence/sign was hit, needs repair. We are going to ask the Towers if we can put a more permanent sign at the corner- Diann
- 2020 TIFF funding seminars– future of NRP funding \$ replacement – March or April, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday in Longfellow – dinner plus 2 hours discussion, about 100 people - SNG to participate
- Spring community event – leverage Earth Day, Saturday April 22, regular River Parkway cleanup? Involve Nice Ride & Spokes, focus on ring around Seward – Greenway, Light Rail bike path, involve Environmental Committee, Park Board

- Summer Walks – one focused on Community Building and getting people from the Towers to attend – immigrant businesses-Franklin?
- Kings Fair – Theme? Unity & Diversity? We are the World... Picnic in the Park – as part of King's Fair Theme: Breads of the world/ Craft foods? Lefse, Sambusa, naan, injera, jam, cheese, honey. Provide a 'passport' to stamp?