Community Building Committee  
March 10, 2016

Meeting notes/action items

Present: Diann, Ashley, Tami, Bob, Hannah, Kerry, 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).

Random Ideas:

- What does the community want? Survey? Understand cultural differences better – last-minute drop-outs, etc.
- SNG presence at East African events: Somali Independence Day (outside Seward) Volunteer opportunity
- Consult with NCR engagement specialist Abdi Rasheed. Volunteer opportunity
  - Find ways to include different age groups, men also
- Nasra to check with Job Training program staff at Brian Coyle.
- Multi-cultural Cooking classes at Seward Coop - Volunteer opportunity
- Continue/re-start Community Conversations pot lucks Volunteer opportunity
- Better use of SNG Facebook presence. Possible special page for East African community?
- Towers events inclusivity – some events can’t be accommodated by towers due to construction, how can we help?
- Possible ice cream social – at Mathews? Kerry check Towers night out table? Volunteer opportunity
- Sunday movies in the park? – Kerry will check with Matthews Park about this possibility. Combine with ice cream social?
- Invite neighborhood textile crafters to come to East some Thursday afternoon during or after Sewing Circle and have weavers come as well. Volunteer opportunity
- Leverage existing events to draw a more diverse crowd – Open Streets, Garden Tour/Party, Frolic, Art Walk Volunteer opportunities
- Language lessons? Volunteer opportunities
- Seward Montessori spring event?
- Improve/additional Franklin crossings?

Schedule something each month:

- April/May – multi-cultural tour of Somali museum – Lake St & 16th, bus travel, $9 charge. Nasra will check on possible dates. Volunteer opportunity
- June – Ice Cream Social?, Somali Mall tour bus travel, Nasra, Volunteer opportunities
- Neighborhood walks starting in July – start one at East/West tower? Bob could host River Walk Volunteer opportunity
- August - Towers Night Out Volunteer opportunity
- September? October?

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

Next meeting: April 7, 5:30 p.m. at Nasra’s. Potluck supper.