

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**
- Aug 21 – Franklin Open Streets. **Neighborhood inclusivity/solidarity march/parade?** Dancing. Use of kick off ceremony in Triangle Park to showcase cultural pride? **Volunteer opportunities**
- **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.