YE&E Meeting 6/17

* Pride is on August 17, 2019. Maria met with Lexi Hayman-Staples and offered the Youth Empowerment and Engagement committee a tent at Pride. We plan to host a youth tent that offers resources and HOPEFULLY something fun for the youth as well.  One of the committee members mentioned that Parks has hula hoops, and other toys for youth to play with that we may be able to use. @Dastagir, Sara, can you help us in our communications with Parks? Also, we will have a budget request form soon for that event. We plan on partnering with Harvey House and Promise House. We were also thinking of having a karaoke/hula hoop contest.
* At the end of the school year, two of the committee members went to two elementary schools to survey youth about their interests. The schools surveyed were Leverette and Keyser. Overall, we found that the youth are interested in outdoor activities, free play of some sort (play that they feel that they are doing what they want to do, but adults can easily monitor), video games, Kalahari, Sky Zone, etc.
* Najwa suggested that we hold an essay contest for the youth to participate in. The proposed topic for the essay is "What would you do to promote understanding and respect in our city?" She suggested that the winning prize should be $100. Other members suggested that the winning prize be a gift card to one of the places that the youth indicated were fun for them. The essay contest is a good way to get youth engaged. It is also a good way to get ideas about what youth are interested in.
* The Youth Committee also wants to host an event in the fall! A City of Toledo Youth Fall Fest in October. The event would be held in Ottawa, Walbridge, or Wilson Park. The event would take place on October 19 or 20. We plan to reach out to Promedica. We would have a movie play on one of the large outdoor movie screens (Premier), get pumpkins donated, and announce the essay contest winner at the event. We could team with Community and Neighborhoods. This sounds like such a good idea!? Can we do it?
* There was a concern amongst all members of the Youth Committee about their lack of involvement in the City Cuts event. They see that the event is a Youth Event, and they are not invited or informed about the event. I informed them that I'd let them know about the next City Cuts event and how they can be involved. I believe I saw on Shay Bankston's page that the event is on August 24 or 14? Please advise.
* The Toledo Excel Conference for Aspiring Minority Youth. Someone is coming from the Central Park 5 to speak. It's a free event. We don't know many details yet.
* On a separate note (not discussed at this meeting), Ka'trice Perry started an organization Gateway Youth Development. She is on one of the HRC committees. I was just wondering if anyone from HRC has partnered with her organization at all. She hosts networking events as well.

**Report:**

We had a phone conference on 8/26/19

Attendance:

Najwa

Maria

Artisha

Elaina

Joyce

We are moving forward with a collaboration with the Parks Department for their October event. Details are still TBD, but if you are interested in helping plan the collaboration or volunteering during the event, please join any future calls and discussions.

Next Steps:
-Artisha to follow up with Aaron from Parks

-Maria to follow up with Sara and Raina, re: collaboration idea and budget

 We also spoke about the Essay Contest at TPS Middle schools .

Thanks,

Najwa

**Equality & Social Justice Committee Meeting Thursday, July 11, 2019 6-7pm SIP**

Present: Christina Rodriguez, Elijah Jones, Lauraine Carpenter, Angela Lucas, Patrice McClellan

Review minutes - no quorum. Will vote on minutes at next meeting.

**Sponsorships and Events**

Malaika Will send out the information and schedule for African American Festival

Patrice brought up discussion about items for the table to offer to guests. Discussion.

What is mediation one sheet, candy, HRC branded items including table covers.

PRIDE - Malaika will communicate with organizers and find out the plan and put out an ask to committee members for participation.

**ESJ New Business**

Elijah asked how can we educate ourselves and the community on what mediation is?

Angela responded and clarified the process through the Mayor’s Office.

Christina communicated results of meeting with Gretchen DeBacker. Received the thumbs up for ESJ “What to do if?” campaign.

Discussion

Mediation documents in the What to do campaign?

Patrice will reach out to her contact at ABLE to get help with campaign and guest speaking.

ACTION ITEM - Bring ideas for what to do campaign to next meeting.

**Committee Member Business**

Discussed turnover

Conversations with current members. Malaika & Christina will have one on one conversations with current members to solidify their status.

ACTION ITEM - names of potential new members for the ESJ committee.

Discussion

Engagement

More consistent communication

Utilize project management tool - Google Classroom]

Committee agreed that 2 weeks to receive emailed minutes, agenda and follow up on action steps

NEXT MEETING AUGUST 8 @ 6pm

Adjourn

**Notes from HRC Committee on Communities and Neighborhoods meeting on Monday, August 12 at 5:30pm:**

In attendance - Micheal Alexander, Jonie McIntire, Ryan Bunch, Gwen Rivers

Absent - Candice Harrison, Carty Finkbeiner

No longer part of the committee - Jim Hartung, Sue Ann Hochberg

Micheal and Jonie presented information about their July 9th meeting with Amy Odum regarding some changes in her office and Block Party in a Box concept, along with the idea of a centralized city calendar of events and neighborhood groups. Amy liked the ideas, said they were working on hiring some key positions to be able to make these things possible. Looked forward to working on these projects together in the future.

We discussed the loss of Jim and Sue to our committee. Mentioned that Candice and Carty not present but expressed commitment to the team.

This lead to sharing of frustrations about the direction of the group and the true purpose. Everyone present reiterated their commitment to supporting neighborhoods and mentioned some specific issues they wanted to focus on or saw the group being helpful with:

Micheal - code enforcement and curb clean-up

Gwen - strict code enforcement in neighborhoods, steps that help to court large-scale businesses to operate from Toledo

Ryan - beautification and place-making in neighborhoods

Jonie - enhancing communication of events/groups/services

All agreed that we should be conduits for people to access City services and information, and that building out Engage Toledo might help inform citizens about what is available to them.

Discussion of the nature of the issues, that City seems to want citizen groups to service citizens but has not established a strong history of supporting citizen groups. And current frustration that our representatives in the Mayor’s office are not consistently helpful.

Jonie reported on the West Toledo Collective meeting and some issues therein. There was a concern with the lack of support from the Mayor’s office for this neighborhood as opposed to the Dorr St./Buddhist temple concern which garnered a lot of attention and effort. At heart of the West Toledo issue is a lack of Neighborhood Centers (i.e. Boys and Girls Club) geared toward providing a place for kids/teens to be. Ryan mentioned the lack of Community Development Corps which in other cities have been the conduit for support of communities. Short discussion about models from other cities - how they have solved some of the problems that linger in Toledo.

Micheal reported that the next Executive HRC Meeting would be next Tuesday and both Jonie and Micheal would be attending. Both committed to presenting some of the group’s concerns at this meeting if possible.

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AGENDA

September 2019

1. Attendance or lack of: Suggestions
2. Follow up: Rebecca, Judge Waggener and Yvonne
3. Meetings: should we meet every other month unless there are issues that need to be addressed which may necessitate an emergency meeting
4. Attendance: concerns about those who are on the committee but hardly attend. Can we make decisions with only three or four people on the committee?
5. Where do we go from here? We have a few months left in the year!!!!
6. What did we achieve so far
7. Any new ideas as to where to go from here

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Minutes

August 7, 2019

Present: Yvonne Trevino, Blair Johnson, Rebecca Facey

The following points were addresses:

1. Concerns about the projection of our goals and objectives
2. Attendance
3. Since the original time of meetings was not convenient to many members, it was changes to the first Wednesday of each month at 4:30 at the same place: Reynolds Corners Library on Dorr St.
4. Lack of follow up in engaging, acclimate the police force with areas covered
5. Resignation of Mr. Joe Habib due to his other commitments at work
6. Choosing a new co-Chair
7. Appoint someone from executive committee to attend our meetings if Thomas cannot make it
8. Co-Chair Fatima Al-Hayani will finish the year of 2019 and will not continue for another year
9. Reduction of Domestic Violence Detectives from three to one
10. Judge Waggoner to continue pushing for a vote from present judges to assign one judge to deal with domestic violence