

MEXICAN HERITAGE PLAZA

Steering Committee Meeting #4

13 October 2009

5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Location: Mexican Heritage Plaza Theatre Lobby

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1. Welcome and introductions and progress to date (Laurie MacDougall, facilitator)
2. Opportunity for Steering Committee questions for Mexican Heritage Corporation about its experience with for-profit models to deliver programming (Special Guest: Marcela Davidson Aviles)
3. Explanation of the Hoover Center and Flint Center for-profit sub-contractor operating model and opportunity for questions from the Steering Committee (Special Guest: Paula Davis)
5. Discussion about advantages of using a non-profit vs. for-profit Operator model for the Plaza
6. Agreements on group process as we leave the education phase and enter the phase where decisions will be required:
 - a) Should the Steering Committee elect a chair to run meetings? Or should the facilitator continue to play this role?
 - b) What decision-making process will be used (consensus vs. majority vote)?
 - c) How will speakers be identified and by whom? (Chair? Facilitator? Or move the "talking stick" around the meeting circle in order in which the committee is seated? Or other TBD?)
 - d) Should the committee re-visit question of lunch vs. evening meetings, in order to allow longer evening meetings to support deeper discussion?
 - e) Does the committee agree on the option of delegating issues raised to ad hoc study groups with the understanding they would meet between steering committee meetings and bring back recommendations to the group? Or does the committee want to continue to operate as a committee of the whole?

7. Discussion about general possible operating scenarios for the Plaza. If desired, agreement about which to assign to ad hoc working committees to explore further and designation of ad hoc study group(s)
8. Opportunity for public comments