

Notes for Open House Quarterly Meeting #1 / Casa Abierta Reunion Trimestral #1

Facilitators: RJ, Michele, Kalisha

Notetaker: Josh

Date: September 1 / 1 de Septiembre

6 pm - 7:30 pm

Location: Zoom + Pearl Avenue Library

Steering Committee Attendees: Michelle Mashburn, Rita Birrueta, Mayre Balanar, Don Orozco, Kalisha Webster, MyLinh Pham

City Staff Attendees: Alejandra, Elisha, Jacklyn, Mollie, Josh, Greg, Nguyen, Jacky, Noel, Ragan, Elizabeth, Zulma, Helen

Interpreters: Tiffany (viet), Armando (sp), Vicente (sp), Priscilla (viet)

Total attendees on zoom: 41

Total attendees in-person: 10

	Agenda Item		NOTES
1	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accessibility check - Acknowledge what is being recorded, main room/panelists only, we are recording for transparency and not recording attendees for their own privacy - Land Acknowledgement - Community agreements (set by steering committee, open invite to amend these) 	<p>Bienvenidos</p>	<p>RJ: Welcome Quarterly Open House</p> <p>Purpose: Talk about more housing, more fair housing</p> <p>Homeless for 10 years, first 6 years in the South Side</p> <p>Mollie: Questions or Access Check for Zoom Room into Q&A</p> <p>-a little bit out of order-</p> <p>Don: welcome to the first Open Housing, names Steering Committee</p> <p>Acknowledge JMF</p> <p>Informed about recording</p>

			<p>Jacklyn: reads acknowledgement</p> <p>RAFFLE: M. Zepeda</p>
2	Introductions (Facilitator: Don)	Introducciones	
	Community Agreements		<p>Social contract for more equitable conversation</p> <p>Created by Steering Committee and Housing Staff together</p> <p>Michele M. reads from slides, gives short explanations</p> <p>Please raise hand or include in chat for additional items: NEED TO DOUBLE CHECK CHAT didn't see anything but hard to track</p>
3	Breakout Rooms / Community Testimony (No Notes)		<p>INTRO: Groundwork for future action Look forward to hear everybody's stories How we can improve our policies and programs</p> <p>2 breakout rooms: 1 zoom, 1 in person</p> <p>Why did you show up today? What are your interests and priorities?</p> <p><u>Main Points from Zoom Room Community Testimony</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Not enough housing ● Some clients make too much money to qualify for affordable housing but there is still need ● Clients through Regional Center need more housing ● City has the capability to help residents of SJ, instead of them moving out ● Expand housing at the lowest incomes

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Expand rent control as much as possible ● Promote rent control ● Housing is scarce ● Make housing more accessible ● Landlords are raising rents too much, fighting to get rents lower ● Have experience of homelessness, participation allows to build community ● Interested in improving accessibility for hsg in SJ and promoting Universal Design ● Benefit each and everyone who is unhoused ● Create a more equitable space ● Get more people involved
4	Breakout Rooms Report Backs		<p><u>Zoom Room report back</u></p> <p>See above</p> <p><u>Pod report back</u></p> <p>People shared stories, many people in pod are unhoused</p> <p>RJ shared his story, he was a lawyer, life spiraled, spent 10 years unhoused, anybody can become unhoused in this difficult environment</p>
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5	What is the Quarterly Open House? - Facilitator: RJ & Kalisha	¿Qué es la Casa Abierta Trimestral?	RJ: Intend to hold these meetings quarterly This is about having an interest in your own density Benign decisions can affect you negatively if you don't participate or if people in power don't listen to people with Grant from Eastside Peace

			<p>Commitment to advance racial equity in Housing Departments' programs</p> <p>Advance voices of BIPOC, LGBTQ, lived experience of homelessness, people with disabilities, women headed households</p> <p>KW: Names and organizations of Steering Committee; all bring different lenses, 5 committee members with lived experience</p> <p>Hsg. staff members are not voting</p> <p>4 are current affordable housing residents</p> <p>History of genocide, discrimination, racial inequity</p> <p>Inspiration of name Open House from 1950s movement against racially restrictive covenants; San Jose Council for Civic Unity lead a campaign</p> <p>Vision of welcoming our neighbors to advance racial equity and address housing insecurity and</p> <p>Those closest to the problem are the closest to the solution</p> <p>RJ: Slide for SCC and disparity of county population by race vs. race of unhoused ppl from DH</p> <p>Pearl Avenue Pod frozen</p> <p>MM: Slide is a pentagon At the center is the base Process host: hold the space, sometimes things come up Strategic perspective Logistics Space Host Harvest Based around the center, which is the Base</p>
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			<p>RJ: What do we hope to achieve</p> <p>bottom line: find housing Build a foundation for new relationships Consistent engagement Building resources Communicating needs Increase representation at the table Information and referrals Provide space to coordinate mutual aid</p> <p>KW: Steering committee believes that housing is fundamental human right</p> <p>Have a ways to go to make this a reality</p> <p>So keeping ourselves accountable to move forward, have metrics to keep track</p> <p>Overcoming Limiting Beliefs: Will work to make systemic changes Focus on shared goals Topics are set by Steering Committee – no topics are off limits Can work with groups in different ways Will have social workers available Coverage of wide range of topics Stipends and incentives for participants Learn more about the initiative (link provided)</p> <p>ANOTHER RAFFLE: Rachelle Dewees</p>
6	<p>Workshop – Introduction to City of San Jose 101 Presenters: Jacky, Jacklyn, Alejandra</p>	<p>Presentacion: Introduccion ciudad de San Jose 101</p>	<p>JMF: Welcome everyone Thanks to all who worked on this to pull it together</p> <p>Acknowledge what we have lost, suffered through discrimination, by the government, discrimination and racism ingrained, passed down by generations, tied to everything including housing and homelessness</p> <p>Department hasn't done enough to engage the community</p>

			<p>We want to advance and center equity, to work in partnership with you</p> <p>JJ: Role focused on policy, equity, inclusion AT-M: DO for homeless response team</p> <p>JJ housing experience, couch surfed, lived in cars, had experience curtains as walls;</p> <p>Happy to see that ppl coming together, lived experience can guide us</p> <p>Overview of presentation: purpose to give context so people can influence decisions of City and housing department</p> <p>Facilities, parks, streetlights, community safety, housing department</p> <p>Structure of CSJ govt.: Voters elect CC, CC sets laws, budgets, hires CM; CM hires and oversees Departments, including the Hsg Dept</p> <p>Hsg Dpt: housing programs and priorities to expand aff hsg and end homelessness</p> <p>City Council is 11-people, including the mayor</p> <p>10 council districts</p> <p>Odd districts and even districts elected every other year</p> <p>Pearl Ave. is in D9, Pam Foley</p> <p>How to affect decisions: Share experience with Hsg staff through meetings like this Tuesday council meetings, council committee meetings, Commissions Call, talk directly to CM office Serve on board or commission Hold a press conference or communicate with the media Organize, e.g. actions, Organize a rally</p>
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			<p>RJ: can relay info for ppl whose focus is surviving the streets</p> <p>Slide about items going to City Council later</p> <p>Question: what does it mean to go Council? Meetings are a place to get your voice heard; open forum; or speak on specific policies that are currently under review</p> <p>Youtube link to watch CC meetings</p> <p>Also held in City Hall</p> <p>Housing Department mission is to strengthen and revitalize our community through housing and neighborhood investment</p> <p>Picture of Housing Department Staff: lots of people wearing black City of San Jose T-shirts, in front of City Hall</p> <p>How to reach us slide</p> <p>Necessity of mutual aid, necessities of survival often most important, have to develop networks</p> <p>City and County differences County includes VMC, OSH Collaborative: HERE4YOU Call Center 408-385-2400</p> <p>Community Resources: Snapshot of homeless services pocket guide, Contact and overview of different services agencies Pod in person, will be distributing Virtual, will email pocket guide plus Spanish and Vietnamese</p> <p>Chat recommendation: that City council candidates take tests about difference between City and County</p>
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7	<p>Request topics for future meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - distribute comment card - collect eval metrics 	<p>Pedir de temas para futuras reuniones</p>	<p>What do you want to talk about at future meetings?</p> <p>These engagement opportunities should be lead by people who attend</p> <p>Please also raise issues on how we can increase accessibility</p> <p>Please use Q&A feature</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Homelessness myths and facts ● Rent control ● Background on what is coming up for council ● Who to go to get what ● Please share the slides ● Rent control in low-income housing ● Better disability outreach ● How to get homefirst to do their job better ● How to get from homeless to housed, what are the steps, VSPDAT, etc. ● Invite community groups to talk about what issues they are working on <p>Thank you all for joining, thank you all for joining</p> <p>Please fill out survey in the chat</p> <p>Links for slides</p>
8	<p>Resource referrals</p>	<p>Referencias de recursos</p>	

