



Floreciente Community Meeting

Summary Notes

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

1. Floreciente Association Leadership Board Updates (FA):

- March 2nd update by Josie Lopez, FA Board member.
 - FA will have a non-traditional leadership structure with two co-chairs and a treasurer.
 - Lopez emphasized that the FA will keep the neighborhood involved in all decisions.
 - FA board presented a change to the monthly community meetings from every second Tuesday to every first Thursday of the month. All attendees agreed on the change and many look forward to other organizations attending including the City of Moline.
- March 9th update by Mariela Treviño, FA Board member and Treasurer.
 - Meeting focused on the Floreciente Association Launch Event including programming.
- Treviño then asked the attendees what the community wants from the board.
 - Tar Macias, community member, asked for summary notes from the FA Board and community meetings to be posted online.
 - Bill Abel, member of Stephens Park Neighborhood Association informed the community that MCDC has a website where neighborhoods can post notes and information online.
 - James Wright, community member, asked about projects Global Communities has completed in the neighborhood. Jenny Garlach, BGCMV Executive Director, talked about the BGCMV mural and how it involved many organizations working together. Garlach mentioned, without Global Communities those relationships would have not been made.

2. Committee Updates:

- Floreciente Businesses - Awnings Project: The City of Moline has notified Global Communities which businesses can receive awnings. Next step is to reach out to potential vendors.

3. Announcements & Reminders:

- Reminder to attendees to bring a neighbor to the April Community meeting.
- The Mexican Consulate from Chicago will visit Moline at the Bethel Wesley Church on May 3 - 6. The consulate can print birth certificates, passports, and matriculas. Appointments can be made online at <https://consulmex2.sre.gob.mx/chicago/> or by phone at 312.738.2383.
- The next Vibrant Neighborhood screening will take place on Thursday, May 4 at 6pm at the Moline Public Library.
- Bill Abel invited the Floreciente neighborhood to the ribbon cutting of the Lincoln-Irving ball park. Date is set for Friday, June 2nd.

4. Discuss FA Launch Event and Celebration:

The first Floreciente Association Launch Event is set for Sunday, May 28th, 2017 at McCandless Park at 1pm. The event is reserved with the city at no cost (events hereafter will be \$40.00 with the City of Moline). The community expects 150 – 200 people will be in attendance. March meeting focused on the time, budget, activities, and volunteers.

FA Launch Event objective: This event is for the Floreciente neighborhood with a focus on the re-activated Floreciente Association. The event provides an opportunity for the community to understand the importance of the association and how to get involved.

- Civic Education Activities: Community mapping, Scavenger hunts, Organization tables and presentations, Surveys to engage with the community, sharing success stories.
- Activities: Flower Pots, Bouncy houses, Lotería, Karaoke, DJ, relay races, face painting, Clown, art, family-friendly games, cake walk, and Floreciente Association T-shirts.
 - The community is interested in giving out flower pots similar to the May 7th event last year with fifty flower pots on a first-come-first-serve basis. Mary Chappell from Habitat from Humanity provided contact information for Lowe's for the flower pots.
- Volunteers are needed to reach out to organizations, assist with games, and programming.
- Food: The FA Board would like the food to be catered by neighborhood restaurants. Restaurants include: El Mariachi, El Mexicano, Old Mexico, La Imperial, and La Primavera. Tar and Erika Macias volunteered to reach out to restaurants on food costs.

NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING: THURSDAY, APRIL 6TH at 6:30pm at Moline Club



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