

West Side Voices Notes - Feb 11, 2020

Meeting starts at 6:37pm -

Rudy Francisco video: The Heart and the Fist

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6QIc9GcHHS0>

Announcements

Feb 26th, 10am-11:30am - CTUL Action in Golden Valley (5905 Golden Valley Rd)

CTUL has voted to endorse the Scorecard

<https://ctul.net/2020/02/no-short-cuts-tenant-and-worker-forum/>

March 18th, 5:30 - Scorecard voting happening at City Council, public hearing, come speak about the scorecard (party to come!)

Energy Justice Event - Heat and Greet with CEED

Energy assistance applications, energy audit assistance, weatherproofing resources, food, childcare

Community Announcements

Karen Reid- LMMMO

Fourth Generation Watership Management Plan is starting

There is an opening for another st paul resident on the board

West Side Farmers Market Gala - Sat 21st of March from 6-9pm, 88 Cesar Chavez

Dodge Nature Center, Free Family Fun Day - Feb 22 3-6pm

St. Paul 350, ask to send postcards for 100% renewable energy and no new fossil fuel Infrastructure, Xcel is proposing a new fracked gas center

Riverview Library is opening up space for community groups/ meetings

Renters Rights Updates:

Furthering renter rights and housing justice on the West Side

Have been doing tenant meetings

Requesting volunteers for door knocking

Last friday of every month from 2:30-4, "Law at the Laundromat", volunteer

Opportunity https://www.wsko.org/renter_legal_clinics_20200328

Had a know your rights training recently

Talking about new structure for WSV, with sub-groups - such as arts, EJ, housing, land use

Voting about new structure of including breakout groups

Mostly 4s and 5s, some 3s

Service vs Organizing - Sebastian

Organizing- uniting people and creating power together (sharing power), with love,
Relational, binds community

Services- providing something that doesn't add power (keeping power to ourselves)

Talk about sub-groups:

Past groups included: Land Use, West Side 100, Education, Riverfront

Development, Health and Environmental Justice, WSCO By Laws (committee of the board), Crime and Safety

WS Voices is an emerging process to breakdown barriers to decision making and power on the West Side

Suggested Groups:

(Health &) Environmental Justice

Health Justice

Transportation

West Side 100 (voter participation/
civic engagement)

Housing Justice

Land Use/ Variances - main meeting

Proactive planning around land use

Scorecard Cohort

History, Arts, and Culture

Transportation

Relationship of Voices forum to the Board?

Votes are taken here, and those votes go to the city

Depending on timing, the board may vote on an issue

Question brought up about varying the time/ date of WSV meetings so more folks have options to attend.

Concern that smaller groups will not facilitate inclusive participation.

-committees are "autonomous" within WSCO's values. Each group would have a member of the leadership team in the group to hold accountable to WSCO values.

-tools from the strategic plan, matrix and sieve

-equity is the center of these documents.

Proposal that there is a check in/ accountability measure for each group to ensure that equity stays at the center.