Redwood City 2020 Leadership Council: Meeting Agenda
Redwood City Public Library, Community Room (2nd Floor)
1044 Middlefield Rd, Redwood City, CA 94063
Wednesday, March 21, 2018
9:00am – 10:30am

(Draft) Meeting Notes

In Attendance: John Baker, Chris Beth, Melissa Stevenson-Diaz, Jarrett Dooley, Carrie Du Bois, Kim Griffin, Peter Hartzel, Peggy Jensen, Alex Khojikian, Jana Kiser, Kitty Lopez, Shelly Masur, Pati Ortiz, Hilary Paulson, Matthew Reeves, Robin Rodricks, Jennifer Rogers, Alan Sarver, Peter Shih, Julia Vazquez, Stacey Wagner, Timothy Wong, Gregg Zaire

- Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Review
- Oral Communications: There was no public comment.
- Draft Minutes: Alan Sarver made a motion to approve the January 17, 2018 meeting minutes and Kim Griffin seconded. The draft minutes were approved and submitted.
- Redwood City 2020 (RWC 2020) Operations
  - Redwood City Together (RCT) Conference: At the last meeting, the Leadership Council (LC) discussed the conference for immigrants and allies being organized by Redwood City 2020, Redwood City Together, LIBRE, and the Sequoia High School Dream Club.
    - The conference happened on March 3 and, despite the rain and recent ICE raids, it was a safe and successful day; Jana Kiser thanked all who helped with the event.
    - 200 youth and adults attended the conference and 19 community organizations partnered for a resource fair and workshops; there were two parallel tracks of workshops, one tailored for adults and the other for youth; during lunch, the adults and youth reconvened for facilitated small group dialogues.
    - LC members that attended the conference shared highlights from the day; attendees felt the event was informative and engaging.
  - Child Care Solutions Catalyzer Position: At the January meeting, the LC approved a pilot initiative to fundraise and hire a child care solutions catalyzer to move forward solutions generated during the Child Care Solutions Hackathon and Convening in October.
    - The committee that planned the hackathon is now helping to fundraise for the child care solutions catalyzer. Jana shared a one-page synopsis of the position that the committee is using when communicating with potential funders. Jana requested that partners review the synopsis; a more robust version of the job description is forthcoming.
  - Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) Prevention Partnership Moving to Sequoia Union High School District:
• Jana shared that she and other RWC 2020 partners are exploring the possibility of transferring the stewardship of the AOD Prevention Partnership from the collaborative to the Sequoia Union High School District (SUHSD).
  ○ This change would increase Redwood City 2020’s bandwidth for new work (e.g., Cradle to Career Pipeline of Success, child care issues).
  ○ AOD work has been incubated within RWC 2020 for the past 8 years; the SUHSD already houses much of the AOD work, has a captive audience, and geographic boundaries that are more similar to those defined in the grant.
  ○ Mary Streshly is in agreement and enthusiastic about the SUHSD coordinating the AOD PP work; RWC 2020 is in conversation with the county about transferring the grant to SUHSD and creating a workplan that reinforces the goals of SUHSD; RWC 2020 would support the AOD PP, particularly during the first year of the transition, to ensure a warm handoff and the success of the project.
  ○ **Q2 Budget/Financial Reporting:** Jana shared Redwood City 2020’s quarter two financial report.

• **Finance and Development Ad Hoc:** The President’s Breakfast was held on February 15, with 114 people in attendance and 15 sponsors; $13,000 was raised compared to $10,000 last year.
  ○ Jana thanked planning committee members, all partners who attended, and RWC 2020 staff for their outreach efforts to local businesses who became sponsors this year.

• **Proposed Cannabis Regulations in Redwood City**
  ○ **Presenter:** Melissa Stevenson-Diaz
  ○ **Background Facts:** Redwood City has allowed delivery of medical cannabis since 2015. Measure 64, legalizing recreational cannabis, passed statewide in 2016 with over 2/3 of RWC voters voting for it.
  ○ **Discussion:** The state gives localities leeway in terms of implementation of the law and enforcement. Melissa Stevenson-Diaz shared facts about cannabis cultivation, sale, and use within Redwood City and asked for feedback on proposed policies (post-legalization) that the City Council will consider.
    • Members present discussed the importance of protecting youth and providing opportunities for youth, parent, and adult education regarding cannabis, its health impacts, and local regulations.
    • Many supported the proposed idea of using funds generated from the fees charged to cannabis businesses in a fund to make grants local organizations doing prevention education. It is likely that funds would not be available until FY 2019-20.
    • In order to inform the city’s efforts, Kitty Lopez offered to share the messaging that the County of San Mateo is proposing; Stacey offered to share a list of local organizations already doing this work in the community; and Peter offered to share a document drafted by the 58 counties in California.

• **Home for All:** A community collaborative that promotes preservation and production of all types of housing by sharing information and convening community members.
  ○ Presenters: Peggy Jensen, Alex Khojikian, and Shelly Masur
  ○ San Mateo County has seen an enormous creation of jobs, but not housing.
    • One consequence of the supply/demand problem is that the median home price has doubled as rents have skyrocketed. Many working people are not able to live here
anymore; moving farther away causes congestion (210,000 commuters travel into the county every day).

- Two major goals of Home for All are to increase funding for affordable housing and promote more efficient land use for housing (e.g., home share through HIP housing, second units).
- Home for All has conducted many community meetings; several are being planned by local partners in Redwood City and North Fair Oaks.
  - The city of Redwood City, the Redwood City Library Foundation, and Redwood City 2020 have partnered with Home for All to host two community conversations about housing on April 11 and May 22.
    - Topic for April 11: Learn about trends of who lives and works in Redwood City and what is happening with housing.
    - Topic for May 22: Join the Housing and Human Concerns Committee for a community conversation about affordable housing and provide input for how to allocate affordable housing fees.
    - Shelly Masur said she is looking forward to changing the dominant narrative that people often have and thanked Redwood City 2020 for partnering on the community conversations.
- Alex Khojikian shared that there will also be three upcoming City Council meetings focused on housing policy items: March 26, May 21, and June 25
  - Bilingual online surveys and hard copy flyers are ready to share to promote the events; the city wants to better engage with the Latino community; at a recent convening, Latino leaders said they do not want to be talked to, they want to be listened to.

- **Member Announcements/Good News/Kudos:** Stacey Wagner congratulated Alisa MacAvoy’s daughter and Shelly Masur’s son for receiving recognition at the Sequoia Awards.

- **Next Steps and Meeting Closure**
  - **Home for All:** Alex Khojikian will share bilingual flyers and surveys with Redwood City 2020 to share with the group.