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Vision: *The children of Pasadena, Altadena and Sierra Madre all grow up in a safe, stable and supportive environment that prepares them for success in school and in life*

Supportive Communities Meeting
April 19, 2017 6:00-7:15 pm
No Future Café

Meeting Notes

I. Welcome – Refreshments, Introductions – name, organization, passion: Jessica, Araceli, Karla, Brita, Adam, Hector, Margo, Zelmya, Brian, Carol
   a. How are you feeling today? Energized, fantastic, grateful, interested, relieved, happy, etc.
   b. What organization/group/entity are you representing today? Junior League, Four Square Church, Fuller TS, PPD, Sierra Club, Assem. Holden, No Future Café, Pasadena High School, City Council District 2, Collaborate PASadena, Garfield Heights Neighborhood Association

II. Check In - 'Tell a story to your neighbor about your neighborhood: what brought you there or about a recent activity/event': annual progressive neighborhood dinners, neighborhood art shows, diversity, and deliberate choices are made to improve the neighborhood

III. Review 'Mix and Mingle' Mixer Results – what was the purpose? What was the outcome?

IV. What does "A supportive community" mean to you? How would you define it? - Group discussion
   a. Neighbors are know each other and are aware of their needs
   b. Neighbors support each other in difficult times and celebrate accomplishments
   c. Community members have respect for one another/formed trusting relationships
   d. Community members are able to leverage existing resources for their benefit
   e. Neighbors work together and play together, examples:
      1. Beautification, clean-up days, community gardens, tree plantings
      2. Care for seniors/disabled – food distribution
      3. Block parties, progressive dinners, happy hours
      4. Art exhibits, hikes, cookie exchanges
      5. Communication – email, Facebook, Next Door, etc.

V. How do we develop a more 'supportive community'? What is the role of neighborhood groups in that process?
      1. Develop an organization with a structure that allows for inclusion
      2. Identify leadership with a lead person or chair along with a board
      3. Recognize that everyone has a role/piece/value
      4. Strive for a passion for connection and collaboration
   b. How neighbors would like to see their community:

1. People are connected
2. Neighbors share stories
3. Diversity is represented and respected; we see each other
4. Everyone is accepted and included – we try to understand each other
5. Learn from each other
6. Support each other – know that you are not alone
7. Use best practices to improve the neighborhood
8. Create an energized/motivated atmosphere that is successful

c. Neighborhoods USA Conference ’17 – Omaha, Nebraska (overview, workshops)
d. Neighborhood Summit ’17 – Pasadena
    1. Purpose – to bring representatives from neighborhood groups from Pasadena, Altadena and Sierra Madre for an interactive event to:
        a.) Learn best practices from each other
        b.) Form new relationships
        c.) Inspire/motivate folks to take action
        d.) Have fun!
    2. Date/Time – September 9: Check all calendars for event conflicts!
    3. Location
    4. Objectives – casual, interactive, informal, mixer, music, food, connection, resources, fun!
    5. Structure/Format – a subcommittee was formed and will meet on May 16 to develop a structure to present to the larger group (Araceli, Brita, Brian, Cindy): some suggestions from the group for activities/priorities:
        a.) Speed dating/table rotation
        b.) Sharing stories/hearing different voices
        c.) Block party-ish – fun, lively
        d.) Facilitated conversation
        e.) Educational
        f.) Interactive (for example use post-its for theming)
        g.) Planning workshop-like

VI. Who Else Needs to be at the Table for this Project to be Successful?
    a. Sierra Madre – Joe Ortiz (contacted)
    b. Altadena Council of Neighborhood Associations – Elliot Gold

VII. Upcoming Events/Announcements – Civic Engagement Workshop 4/28, Altadena Library Town Hall 4/27, White Ally Forum 4/26, Police/Fire Depart. Open House 5/13

VIII. Next Meeting Dates: 3rd Wednesday of the month: May 17, 6:00 pm – at No Future Café; set the dates for meetings in June 21, July 19, and August 16 at 6:00 pm.

IX. Adjourn