

Third Ward Community Working Group
October 20, 2021
2 – 3 pm

NOTES

I. Welcome and Introductions

See participant list on page 3. It was great to see everyone!

II. Review/revise/approve purpose of the Community Working Group

The group reviewed the meeting objectives and voted to approve the revised objectives (page 2).

III. How will we accomplish the work?

Should we develop new initiatives or build on what is already prioritized and in progress, such as the Third Ward Health Collaborative. TWHC is a partnership between NTW and the Complete Communities Workgroup. Purpose of the UHCOM Workgroup was to help the school connect with the community. Things have evolved. Proposed subgroups for each objective. The group agreed to have a separate meeting to discuss, will start with Objective 2. If you'd like to join this discussion, please share your availability on this Doodle Poll:

https://doodle.com/poll/skawt97np5kkpfuv?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link

IV. Who else should we invite?

There was significant discussion around including resident voices. How can we empower the community, give them a seat at the table, empower people? One example is civic groups and block improvement leaders. Having strategic voices would be beneficial but there are a lot of groups who want resident participation, often same resident is called on. How can University say, "your voice is welcome here"? Annual and quarterly resident meetings were suggested. Think of a strategic way to bring the table to them, ex. during annual enrollment, events, local restaurants.

V. Announcements

Health Commons – Dr. Buck reported that we are meeting with the Third Ward Health Collaborative leaders to identify opportunities for UHCOM to partner.

UHCOM/HCA Lunch and Learn – "Prophetic City: Tracking the Economic and Demographic Transformations through Forty Years of Houston Surveys."

Dr. Steven Klineberg, Founding Director, Kinder Institute for Urban Research

November 9, 12-1 pm (You'll receive an Outlook calendar invitation with Zoom link.)

STEM RISE – Dr. Thomas Thesen shared that the STEM Research Inquiry Summer Enrichment Program in partnership with Jack Yates High School, teachHouston and UH was funded by the National Science Foundation. Please review the program link <https://uh.edu//nsm/teachhouston/students/stem-rise/> and share with interested students at Jack Yates HS and the University of Houston.

V. Announcements cont'd

Fresh Produce Mart and Health Fair – Trinity United Methodist Church on third Saturdays, 10 am – 1 pm. COVID vaccines are available this month.

Church in Community Health Initiative -
Multiple October events in partnership with Riverside UMC.

Blessing of Third Ward Community Garden – October 31 at 2 pm, Riverside UMC, 4920 Cullen

Operation Love – December 11 at Blackshear Elementary

Next Meeting – November 17, 2 pm

Holiday Reception – December 15, 5 – 7 pm at Lucille's (in plans, okay?)

Objectives

The Third Ward Community Working Group will:

1. Mutually share information about community and COM programs and events
 - Engage students, faculty and staff in community events
 - Create a platform to share information
2. Prioritize and respond to Third Ward health needs
 - Utilize existing research and reports
 - Jointly respond to funding opportunities
 - Partner with community organizations on events
3. Advise and make recommendations to COM on programs and research, such as:
 - Healthy Connections, community health program
 - Admissions Committee
 - Standardized Patients
 - Health Commons Advisory Committee
 - Research Studies
4. Hold College of Medicine accountable for service to the community
 - Co-create accountability metrics
 - Provide feedback to COM metrics reports
 - Share research results

Participants:

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