

Third Ward Community Working Group
November 17, 2021
2 – 3 pm

NOTES

- I. Welcome and Introductions

- II. Third Ward Food Sustainability Initiatives
 1. Third Ward Health Collaborative – Food Sustainability Outline
 - www.northernthirdward.com
 - There is a lot of work being done. How can we build/support it?
 - Geri Shelton shared that there are volunteers working on curbside food distribution and efforts through Community Cloth
 2. Third Ward Community Garden, Rev. Denise Caulfield, Riverside UMC and UH Wesley Foundation
 - a. Rev. Caulfield shared a slide presentation about the Third Ward Community Garden at Riverside UMC and plans for sustainability and expansion. See attached document.
 - b. Sean Haley suggested a map of the various gardens in the neighborhood to coordinate efforts and get information out.

- III. How can we support/build on identified priorities and existing work?
 1. Funding Opportunities: [Houston Methodist DEI Grant](#), NEO Project
 2. Suggestion was made for grant writing support from UH.
 3. Alicia Johnston created a table for the East End Community Working Group to collect information on needs assessments, community members and events. We can use a similar table. Will create a Google Drive for sharing.
 4. Scheduling a follow-up meeting to discuss collaboration, coordination and communication. Volunteers: Haley, Johnston, Rush, Marshall, Caulfield, Cruz, Buck.

- IV. Announcements
 1. Community
 - Trinity East Food Drive, November 20
 - Operation Love Toy Drive, Emancipation Ave. Market, November 27
 - Houston Methodist Social Determinants of Health Symposium, December 2
[Brochure - Social Determinants of Health: Exploring Barriers to Primary and Specialty Care \(cvent.com\)](#)
 - Operation Love 3rd Ward Christmas Celebration, December 11

2. UH College of Medicine

- No meeting December 15. Next meeting January 19, 2pm.
- Holiday Celebration – Lucille’s, December 15, 4 pm.
- UH Smoking, Anxiety and Depression study for daily smokers motivated to quit.
- [UH Innovations in Arts & Health Conference](#), January 20.

Members Present:

Alicia Johnston, Humana
Aurora Cruz, Avenue 360
Berenice Hernandez, UH College of Medicine
Carla Ben, UH College of Medicine
Dave Buck, UH College of Medicine
Denise Caulfield, UH Wesley Foundation
Denisha Prim, Legacy Community Health
Dianne Iglehart, Trinity UMC
Emily Paul, American Heart Association
Erika Pratt, Lone Star Circle of Care
Bishop Frank Rush, Houston Praise and Worship Center
Geri Shelton, Trinity East UMC
Jerome Crowder, UH College of Medicine
Justin Rahman, Harris County Public Health
Ken Rodgers, Operation Love
Kristen Morrison, UH College of Medicine
Kristi Rangel, City of Houston
Laverne West, Women’s Resource Center
Linda Civallero, UH College of Medicine
Melody Gray, Trinity East UMC
Raquel Perez, Common Threads
Sasha Marshall, City of Houston Complete Communities
Sean Haley, CCPPI
Theola Petteway, OST/Almeda Corridors Redevelopment Authority
Virginia Miller, Peaceful Planet