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The regular meeting of the Strategic Planning & Partnerships Commission of the City of Jamestown, New York was held on Thursday, July 21, 2016 at 8:30 A.M in the Mayor's Conference Room, City Hall.

Members Present: Co-Chairwoman Jennifer Gibson, Linda Swanson, Len Faulk, Jim Olson, Paul Leone, Marty Idzik, Becky Robbins

Others Present: Tori Irgang, Kathleen Eades, Vince DeJoy, Kirk Young, Rose Torres, Kristy Kathman, JoAlexis Matir

Co-Chair Gibson called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the June 2016 meeting were approved.

CULTURAL BRIDGES ACTION TEAM

Ms. Gibson: There has been a lot going on under our cultural bridges group. I was not at the last meeting, so I'm really going to count on others to fill us in on those, but I do want to thank Len; he has been doing some work on data-mining.

Mr. Faulk: What I'm doing is – I'll pass it around. This is just an example of comparative data and how that will help us in a lot of areas. There will be health, there will be labor, there will be employment; a variety of data places. It helps to know what you're talking about when you're trying to get an overview of a population. So this is just the first start for me. I've had to relearn Excel charts. I used to use them all the time.

Mr. Young: Can I ask a couple of questions?

Mr. Faulk: Yes.

Mr. Young: You've got your percentage of births with adequate prenatal care. What defines adequate prenatal care?

Mr. Faulk: There's actually a series of tests that develop the scale.

Mr. Young: Then the mortality rate; that data there is basically indicating access to healthcare and that sort of thing.

Ms. Swanson: Right. If the mother gets prenatal care before the delivery, the birth, if the baby's born at a good birthweight, if there are no complications upon delivery.

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Ms. Irgang: Born addicted I think is one of the bigger issues for our community.

Ms. Gibson: That's a community-wide issue.

Ms. Irgang: Yes. For sure. And a nation-wide issue.

Mr. Young: That's what the data is showing. Okay.

Ms. Irgang: What is the timeframe for your data?

Mr. Faulk: Since I've gotten a start on it now; a couple of weeks.

Ms. Swanson: What's the latest data that you have?

Mr. Faulk: The latest data is really 2010 and then you've got projections to 2014. The problem with projections is that they're at maybe a state level, but not a county level.

Ms. Irgang: I say that because WCA opened the OB hospitalist program to help access to care, but that would have happened in the interim. So some of that may already be...

Mr. Faulk: And what's going to be helpful as we lead with that is to get some explanations and some narrative interpreting and things like that and/or what do we do with the data.

Ms. Gibson: Thank you very much Len. Where do we want to start with the Cultural Bridges? I have the notes from the cultural group from the last meeting I was that.

Ms. Swanson: I apologize I didn't bring the other ones. I subbed for Jennifer two weeks ago and there are three major bridges that have come out of that workshop. One is cultural, one is educational and one is linguistics. Then we have sub-action teams. The Cultural Bridges sub team kind of scooped up a lot of the ideas that had been percolating over the last 18 months of different things that we've talked about at this level and you'll see in front of you, Jennifer did these beautiful spreadsheets. Thank you. She has gotten us organized.

Almost all of them are going to pull into two events in Hispanic Heritage Month. Technically that starts September 15th and goes to October 15th. The first one, remember we've been talking about video stories, oral history of recent and not so recent Hispanic immigrants or migrants to our community. That was originally the idea of Max and Paul and we're trying to pull that together. I did an executive director's grant to JCC, thank you to the two here. Rose is kind of chairing that and we've hired a young JCC alum and now recently SUNY Fredonia graduate in videography who's going to be videotaping some interviews for us. Rose, do you want to bring everybody up to speed on that?

Ms. Torres: I did speak to Patrick yesterday and it's a slow process and a really busy part of this project. It's a really new concept to the community that I'm trying to bring into this, so it takes a little while to present and respond and get buy-in. I'm working really hard. I know

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Max was working with some people as well. In speaking with Patrick, we have some deadlines that he has very generously extended. I can go into more detail on that in the meeting later. So really, it's just getting some participants confirmed.

Ms. Gibson: Willing to be videoed? Just that comfort level of being interviewed.

Ms. Torres: So it's not an unwillingness to participate, but they want more information.

Ms. Swanson: So the general concept was to try to tell the stories over the fifty-year span that we've had Hispanics come to our community and certainly it's accelerated over the last ten years. So we've identified people from different waves and now it's coaxing them to go on camera. It may be four or five; we're not sure and the goal is 30 minutes or less and it may distill down to ten, fifteen minutes, but whatever quality we get out of them. So that's one thread we're trying to tease and bring to reality.

Jamestown Read; skip to the bottom. That's something we've kicked around a long time and Jennifer through Northwest Savings Bank Foundation.

Ms. Gibson: It's actually just Northwest Foundation. We're just Northwest Bank. No more savings bank.

Ms. Swanson: They've dropped the savings bank, so it's Northwest. She arranged for a grant to buy those books. They're in. They're on display right now and we're going to kick that event off with a cool event at JCC with the Director of the Week's Gallery, Patricia Briggs. She had separate funding that was specifically earmarked for a cultural event, non-U. S, non-domestic and identified a trio, musical trio, Trio Tambao, and they're going to kick off Hispanic Heritage Month, so they're two events that we're bookending and it's not exactly the 15th, it's the following Thursday night, the 22nd of September and there's going to be a musical event, we're going to have light refreshments and we have arranged to bring the books and we have a way to check them out, right there on the spot; or get somebody a library card. They tried it out yesterday apparently and Bobby Caswell who is the Assistant Director of the library and I have been working on – we were assigned by default to do this. She's going on vacation next week, so we brainstormed. We're going to be meeting with Becky who is chairing the marketing group. So I think we're going to have a presence at that JCC event. And then we've brainstormed all the different book groups, the service groups and we're going to try to get a mailing out to them all telling them how this is going to work and there is a way for book groups, if they have one designated person to reserve a block of books, but then each person in that group or service organization is responsible for checking out a book. There is a way we can kind of encourage people to do this over the course of the reading season.

Ms. Irgang: I think through a sort of inadvertent creepiness that I have – I happened upon the book group reading list from Lakewood book club. I think it's already set for next year, but I think there's one month where they said we were going to read a local author so I don't know if we want to ramp up our – try to get to those people before they all settle...

Ms. Swanson: Yes there is work to do.

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Ms. Irgang: Probably if we know somebody in a book club we can call...

Ms. Swanson: That's where I have to get going. So I have a long list and now I have to hunt for emails and phone numbers and who's in what group.

Ms. Gibson: So if any of us know any book groups...

Ms. Swanson: Tell me because I'm compiling that list now. Pat has her own email list for people that regularly attend gallery openings so that's about 2,000. She's going to be sending things out.

Mr. Young: So the books are purchased. Those are available at the library for checkout. Is that how it's set up?

Ms. Swanson: JCC is going to purchase some for their own library and have some available. I got an email late last night. She's getting ready to leave town.

Mr. Young: Patricia?

Ms. Swanson: Yes. Patricia met with Bobbie and Tim their librarian. So they were checking out this remote technology. I would like to do the same thing at the second event. We've decided to do it at the Reg and Kathleen is chairing that. So go ahead and report out.

Ms. Gibson: Before we do that, I'd like to introduce JoAlexis. He is actually a member of the Community Foundation and so is his wife, Janita and they are representing the Community Foundation on our Cultural Bridges Action Team.

Ms. Eades: Fast forward to the October 15th weekend. One of the things that we've been able to do that might be new is, David had suggested a Puerto Rican artist friend of his, Pablo Shine who does really incredible work. At this point, we think his schedule is set. We're going to do a closing reception and the show will be Hispanic art. It will be partly Pablo's and partly – Deb has borrowed some from the JCC collection. We will do a closing reception on that Friday night for Pablo and give people a chance to talk to the artist. In the meantime, David will have done some community outreach that day.

The following – on Saturday, loosely what it's looking like, is we will do the democratic dialogue, the town hall from 5-6 pm. We'll probably do it in the theater. We'll be able to show the video as well. It's really scare people when they see it on screen. During that time period we are anticipating a showing of the video, David will moderate. I know there's a panel committee so there will be a local panel and a discussion regarding Jamestown, the welcoming city. From six to seven-ish, we've got food, a Latino food festival in the mezzanine and inner lobby of the theater. And again, that's another committee. We will start David Gonzalez and the Poetic License band will begin their playing at 7:30 in the theater and we'll have a nice night of music and dancing to follow that up.

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Ms. Swanson: Kathleen wrote a grant to the Community Foundation which is on their August docket for \$8,200.00 to hopefully cover some of her hard costs, but her board and organization is still kicking in kind toward that. We're meeting, this subcommittee, of the October 15th day, today and hopefully firm up Pat, you see a line for hospitality, that's Pat Briggs from the library. She's been doing some conversations about the food. We'd like to provide it free. It would be finger food tasting from our local Hispanic vendors and if there's something we need to infill, Jason, who is Journey Gunderson's husband, is kind of spearheading the food end. I am going to write a grant to Lenna, a letter of intent this week before their deadline to hopefully come up with the rest of the money that we think we need to do that.

Ms. Irgang: Coincidentally, I was with Joe on Tuesday and we talked about this...

Ms. Swanson: Yes and Pat's talked to him.

Ms. Irgang: Now we've hit him from all sides.

Ms. Swanson: Yes he is getting it from all sides and I had seen Journey so...

Ms. Irgang: Which is good because he tends to need a little structure.

Ms. Swanson: That's good to know. David Gonzales, the Hispanic story teller from New York City that Kathleen brought in last spring for the youth series that we liked a lot, and that's who that is. His fee is worked into her grant to the Community Foundation.

The Ciba tree sculpture was an idea from David that we've decided to put on hiatus, so that might come out later during the year. The panel discussion; Jennifer and I have another telephone conversation with a group from New York City trying to firm that up. They have a couple experts that they want to bring from New York City. So how this is all going to merge; Jennifer keeps saying it's going to be great, it's going to be great. This shall be interesting. Most importantly is getting people from the community there. It's going to be no fun if it's just us.

Ms. Irgang: Well less fun.

Ms. Swanson: Less meaningful. I think the general feeling from the Cultural Bridges Action Team was that let's see how these two events go and then regroup. There were many ideas of how this should extend out throughout the coming year, but that was enough.

The education group has been meeting. They had a whole spreadsheet and I apologize for not – I didn't realize you did not get that.

Ms. Irgang: It's completely filled in; we have measurable outcomes for all of our activities.

Ms. Swanson: I'm so sorry. I didn't realize.

Ms. Gibson: That's okay. I'll email it out to everyone.

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Ms. Irgang: A lot of the educational committee activities really revolve around Jamestown Public Schools and then building stronger relationships with JBC and JCC. And also focusing on Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating that in all of the school buildings and having students at Jamestown High School help to plan that and really take ownership of it.

Ms. Gibson: Are you guys still talking about having a Hispanic PTA?

Ms. Irgang: The PTA has been all over the map. I feel like it's out now, am I right? No, what we're doing is, we're going to talk to parents and find out if they want to do it. Because there was a feeling on the committee that that felt bad to have a separate PTA, even though that was one of the recommendations, we didn't necessarily love it. We decided to talk to people if they want to do it then we can support that. If they prefer not to, we'll support the...

Ms. Swanson: Assimilation.

Ms. Irgang: Yes. Making PTA more enjoyable for all.

Mr. Leone: It will be interesting to find out what the general feeling about that is among the parents. It may be that they will want to do that. The separate Hispanic PTA parents. They may very well want to do that. Or there may be enough of them that want to do that. You have your doubts?

Mr. Young: When Kyle and I met with the parents, and it was just the Hispanic parents, at the school and he talked about that, people seemed really animated by that and really excited by it. I don't know if they were really excited by the idea of being an autonomous group, or if they were really excited about just having a stronger voice. I think that, and maybe it is that it's not an autonomous group, but it is somehow we empower them more or somehow we help them to feel that their voice is stronger. That may be the best solution.

Ms. Irgang: Side note: There was a grant, an RFP from the State Education Department that came out, and I'm going to say this, probably not accurately, but it's generally about helping boys of color successfully complete high school, using parent engagement strategies. It would be a grant that the school district would have to write, or maybe even BOCES for a couple of school districts, in order to get the demographics to really make it happen. Rosary got it and somehow got to Tim. That would be a neat little thing, kind of on the side of what we're doing to enhance...

Mr. Young: And that's through which one?

Ms. Irgang: I think a state education grant. And it's due in five minutes from now and then it will be funded two days later for this school year. When we read it, it was really exciting.

Ms. Swanson: The linguistics group had met and they came up with some things. There was some discussion about still needing more translation in the hospital and point places and Becky did follow up with – there is immediate translation if you do call in 911 through the Sheriff's office.

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Ms. Robbins: It was a social worker and I forget her name.

Ms. Swanson: Katie Felter.

Ms. Robbins: She said that she had at least one or two clients call her when they needed 911 to translate, but they don't need to do that, they can just call 911, according to Sheriff Gerace.

Mr. Leone: Has anybody tried it?

Ms. Robbins: He also said that he would like to get Hispanic speaking sheriff's officers or 911, but he hasn't been able to. So it's a problem.

Ms. Swanson: So getting through the civil service exams and getting them...

Mr. Young: That's the bottleneck.

Ms. Swanson: That's the bottleneck. So we're starting to identify the key places that we're going to have to devise something to overcome that language barrier so that people can be in those front line jobs that we so want them to be in.

Ms. Irgang: And civil service is kind of a bizarre – if you're not really familiar with it, even if you are familiar with it, it's confusing.

Ms. Swanson: And you have to be one of the top three high scorers. It's not an easy...

Ms. Irgang: What test should I take and what job title...

Ms. Swanson: So that's a whole thing that that group is trying to peel the onion. We did have a guest at that meeting which was Dr. Ellen Wienberg, who is a part-time resident. She was an ENT here for many years of practice and they kept their home. Her husband, Hadley, has an investment and insurance business in three locales; Buffalo, here and Boston. She is now semi-retired from her position and is interested in getting more engaged. This whole thing very much intrigued her.

Ms. Irgang: She was jazzed. And a little mad.

Ms. Swanson: Yes she was kind of, goodly engaged.

Mr. Leone: Aggressively engaged.

Ms. Irgang: She was going to call some people after that meeting.

Ms. Swanson: And she will. A welcomed old comer, new comer to the connection so she definitely wants to be part of the October day and is putting it on her calendar and I think she

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said anytime that you need me to be here, let her know about when we're meeting and that kind of thing and she'll try to work it in. I think they'll be more frequent residents here.

Ms. Gibson: That's great. Thank you for inviting them.

Ms. Swanson: Jennifer did something similar for each of the bridges. They all reported back in. I apologize. I'll scan it and send it to you. I would say there's structure, there's progress there's identified deadlines and outcomes, so it's coming together.

Ms. Gibson: Thank you all for your commitment. It's been a lot of time together. Which has been great, really.

HCAT UPDATE

Ms. Gibson: I do not have an update from Lillian on HCAT. Has anybody... I haven't seen any recent minutes.

Ms. Swanson: I've been attending; good attendance at those meetings. They are just about exhausted the physician recruitment pool, so I expect that in the next year they will be deciding if they're going to do that again. The summer internships that are funded through workforce development from Community Foundation, Sheldon and Gebbie. There are two different internship programs; one is the Gebbie's College, CAP they call it. College Advancement Program and it used to be called Power of Three, now it's Healthcare Advantage. They were full. They had a really good response and placement this year and that program of college students interested in doing health care internships; they've experimented in a lot of models and it's now really distilled down to primarily a summer internship fair and a high school career fair in the spring that has been well-attended. They have gone back and retrieved all the data and we have some successes. Now it's a really long pipeline from somebody saying they want to be pre-med in high school to actually getting out of residency, but county-wide, we've been able to tread back four practicing physicians. We have about a dozen that have gone through our internship programs, either the high school ones or the CAP ones. Or the MECCO, which is a separate program at WCA for generally medical students that have completed their second year of medical school. There are at least 70 prospects that we've identified of kids from our county, that are in, have expressed interest in going into medicine or a paraprofessional. We're tracking them all. We're encouraging them to do one of these many internships and there are biannual mixers that happen around the Fourth of July and right at Christmastime to try and get those students together and after six or seven years now, I can see that there's progress and there's some success. We don't need all seventy of them to come back. SUNY Fredonia; they've been sending a professor who's head of their Pre-Med program. He's been regularly attending our meetings and they're creating a parallel thing in the northern end, with funding from the northern Community Foundation and he's identified a number of his biology students. Some are getting accepted early, into Upstate, Syracuse Upstate's Medical Early Admissions Program and some of those students are part of our CAP interns down here. With a lot of piloting and experimentation, that program has kind of found its feet and it looks – be patient. It takes a really long time to see results, but that's promising.

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The other half of the conversations at HCAT is about the drug epidemic. Lillian has been personally involved with the Mental Health Association advisory board and we have representation from WCA, Andy O'Brien, and usually somebody from MHA that keeps us abreast of all the changes that are – all the things they are attempting to do here to address the opioid epidemic.

Still regular reporting out from The Resource Center; some of the physician practices of their needs, the hospital. Right now, the hospital is feeling that they have achieved their goal of filling all the hospitalist positions that they have done over the course of HCAT so there are no entry slots there. JAMA just brought in an orthopedist after five years of trying to get one. There is still a need for more and more primary care physicians and that's where that physician recruitment pool is still needed. There are still shortages. The Resource Center and Chautauqua Health Plan, the federally qualified health clinic; they're represented at the table. Both of them are ramping up. The Resource Center is finishing a new dental clinic that about triples their capacity. They are about the only provider in our area that takes Medicaid dental patients.

Mr. Young: Where is that?

Ms. Swanson: They are located on Second Street; The Resource Center building.

Mr. Young: The Resource Center. There's a dental office there?

Ms. Irgang: But, they desperately need dentists. They have a nice clinic, not a dentist office.

Ms. Swanson: They have a line on one that looks like he's retiring and being pulled into it. At every HCAT meeting we hear how they steal dentists from each other, psychiatric nurses and nurse practitioners from each other. They're desperate for all of those paraprofessionals. But the good thing is, everyone is pretty candid about it and everybody just takes it with a grain of salt, but we have acute shortages in those areas.

Mr. Young: We had a student that broke a tooth playing intermural football at JCC and he had nothing but Medicaid and we couldn't find anywhere for him to get treated. We took him to Catt County.

Ms. Swanson: The Chautauqua Center is currently located in the county health department. They passed the baton last year and they're actively looking for much larger space. They've retained a property expert from New York City that has been looking at a lot of different sites and they want to get into dental as well. And both of them are expanding the primary care clinic. So we have two large, not for profit organizations, competitors in that space that are both looking at major expansions and so we should be aware of that.

Ms. Irgang: The Chautauqua Center does do dental in Dunkirk right now; with The Resource Center's former dentist. And they have a sliding scale, so uninsured or Medicaid or any insurance can go to the Chautauqua Center. I think the same at The Resource Center.

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Ms. Swanson: Right. And The Resource Center takes private payment. It's open to anyone, so it's not just low income and Medicaid insurance plans. Stay tuned because they are both looking for facility expansion and are desperate for staff.

Ms. Robbins: Do the hospital people think that when Hamot or UPMC comes in that will help solve a lot of the doctor problems?

Ms. Swanson: The reason JAMA sold out to UPMC is for that very reason. They had interviewed and courted at least seventy or eighty physicians and could never get them. So one of the major reasons was to be able to have access to physicians. Now, the physician recruitment pool criteria is that that physician has to live in Jamestown to get the money. It's more likely that a lot of them will be commuting in from Erie, so that whole criteria may have to change if we're desperate for staffing.

Ms. Robbins: I have a friend who is an internist in Erie is now with Hamot. He has his own office and he said that he would be coming over one or two days a week.

Ms. Swanson: The solution is to run specialty clinics maybe once or twice a year for some of the sub-specialties. That's what they're doing for ENT right now and those are Erie physicians that have come in. and that's probably the future of how – if we're going to have strong specialty representation in Jamestown, it probably would be not local physicians, but from UPMC.

Mr. Idzik: Linda what's the chance, or what's the problem with using DO's?

Ms. Swanson: There is none anymore. In fact, the new orthopedist, I think he's a DO. WCA did not allow DO's to be accredited on their staff and that was lifted maybe three or four years ago. So the hospitalists that they've been hired, half of Dr. of Osteopathy versus medical doctor. Two different ways you can get a medical degree.

Mr. Idzik: But we're having a similar problem even recruiting DO's.

Ms. Swanson: Yes.

Ms. Robbins: LECOM?

Mr. Young: That's their specialty.

Ms. Swanson: Now LECOM has a residency program at WCA where they used to come in and out for three month rotations, their students. Now they're doing a year residency at a time and we're reaching the place where the local physicians and the hospitals really can't take on any more teaching responsibility so we're saturating those physicians. They don't get reimbursed for that. It's just a voluntary thing; if you have residents working with you. So we're at that capacity. There's been a lot of conversations with UB and Upstate Medical to have a rural residency program here at WCA, but the logistics of that have been really difficult to work out.

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A lot of that is financing. A lot of good things have actually been happening with that action team.

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Ms. Gibson: We don't have Megan or Jacqueline with us. Megan Herman did have her baby. A little girl. She's adorable. They do have a mixer tonight at EBC. I think it's at 5:30 to 7:30. The group is still going strong and actually has hit my daughter's age.

Mr. Idzik: They had a mixer at Moon Brook last month. I attended. I was a little disappointed in the attendance. I'm trying to remember how many they had, but it was kind of slow. Maybe twenty. Fifteen or twenty. Is that good?

Ms. Gibson: I think that's good for a weeknight in the summer.

Mr. Young: When I spoke to them three months ago, they almost didn't have enough room at Gialy's upstairs.

Mr. Leone: I don't think Moon Brook is as big a draw as Brazil or EBC.

Mr. Idzik: The food was terrific.

Ms. Irgang: I think it comes and goes, but I think twenty is a pretty healthy number.

Mr. Idzik: I think it might have been less than that.

Ms. Irgang: They were going to come into some money. The group was going to be granted some money, but they needed a place for it to reside and it would be dollars that would help offset the cost of having the mixers. Not to pay for alcohol or even really food, but at Gialy's I think they had to pay \$25.00 to have the room. Sometimes they run into that. Sometimes they can get the room for free if they pay for some snacks or something. So it wasn't – the dollars weren't going to be used for a charitable purpose and so they were looking for a home for the dollars and I know we talked about it at the United Way and we didn't feel like it was exactly something we do. I think they talked to the Community Foundation. Similar, to do a fund there if you're paying expenses versus doing something charitable. I think I sent them to JRC. I don't know where that stands. It wasn't going to be – maybe a couple thousand dollars, but just to start them with a fund.

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Mr. Idzik: Tori and I have been talking, but we haven't been moving very far. What we've been talking about, Kirk, is getting together with you. Sometime in August. What's your schedule like the middle of August?

Ms. Irgang: Did you tell me? Did you already respond to the doodle?

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Mr. Young: I forwarded it to my assistant. She knows my calendar better than I do so she's filling it out. We'll find a time.

Ms. Irgang: I invited Donna. I invited Beth Oakes from the YWCA. I invited Deb Kathman from my board. I invited Jacqueline; she had expressed interest. Maybe about eight people. I did send it to you with your 42...

Mr. Idzik: It may be there. As I told Joe, I'm an old guy so I don't live on my phone. I did check my emails. My eyes are failing and the dim light... Anyway, we hope to get together in the middle of next month and start talking about a curriculum and going from there. With the Fourth of July holiday and everything, it got kind of behind the ball.

Ms. Irgang: I put in there that it might be a two-hour meeting, but probably just a one-time meeting. That was my sales pitch. It's a long meeting, but it's just one time.

Ms. Swanson: So what do you hope to accomplish at that meeting?

Ms. Irgang: We need to map out what the curriculum should include in terms of content; which, I've taken some time to put that together, but it's just my ideas. Then we need to talk about what are some innovative ways to get that material conveyed to participants. This is not even considering how we get the participants at all. I don't think that's our committee. I think that's a different committee. But, how would we communicate that in – not necessarily power points and standing up in front of a room, didactic approach, but something a little more...

Mr. Idzik: We don't want to bore them.

Ms. Irgang: Correct. It's boring material. So that's what this group, I think, will help with. And then the ultimate question of who helps us to be the instructors. Then, I think we have to form a different group that would help us with the recruitment of participants and then probably this group to help us with recruiting the organizations to say, yes we want to take a participant if you find one with the skill set.

Mr. Idzik: This is something we can kick around when we get together, but in my view, I don't think we have to over-committee this. I think once we get into a curriculum, something fairly short – I'm not talking about a half an hour or anything, but we don't want to have a ten-hour curriculum. Then I think just a couple of individuals to do the contacting and try to get people. Why committee it? I don't think it's rocket science after that. Once we get a curriculum in place, the question is how do we get people to attend, to learn something and then go to the organizations who would like a board member and then try to match them together.

Ms. Irgang: But, recruiting diverse participants has always been a struggle. That has never been...

Mr. Idzik: I agree that I have a shortcoming there because my goal is not diversity so much as getting the younger people in the community moving. I'm for diversity, don't get me wrong. Don't get me wrong. If it happens, it's fine, and this is maybe why somebody else should

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do that to me. My goal all along has been to get the younger people in the community, get them up and get them on some of these boards. So we start grooming people for the future. We have diversity, I think that's terrific. I will try for that. I think I said that right from the beginning.

Ms. Robbins: There's generational diversity.

Mr. Idzik: I always think doing something is better than doing nothing. If you get some younger people on these boards, I think the diversity will come. It's something we've got to kick around, but I just want to say that this has been my opinion all along.

Ms. Gibson: We need new blood, new ideas. Thank you for that. Did Greg talk to you at all about the Jamestown Ambassador Program?

Ms. Kathman: He did not.

Ms. Gibson: I'll give Andrea a call on that.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Matir: I met with a couple of churches recently with my wife and they are in a big need to restore the park at Chadakoin. They asked for our assistance, so we are collaborating with a church named Conduit. On August 20th, don't quote me on this because it hasn't been scheduled yet, but we believe we're going to have a huge reach in the community with bouncy houses, painting faces of the kids, basketball tournaments, hopefully we'll get as far as baseball tournaments going on, with the purpose of making funds to restore the park. I believe the city is going to meet them halfway with the amount and then they have to come up with the other half. This is one of the ways they want to do it, take advantage of the summer and reach the community and promote the community in many ways. So if you have time that day, it would be nice to see you guys down there.

Mr. Young: Do you know how much they're looking at needing in order to restore the park?

Mr. Matir: \$200,000.00 total and the city is giving \$100,000.00. Their goal is \$100,000.00. With an event like this, it would take 20 years if we go down that route. But when we get people that have the knowledge and the power, it might shorten that time. So our goal is to restore the park, but not only the restoration of the park and here's the new park and destroy that one too, it's also building bridges with them and having some strong leaders out there where we can supervise the park. I'm one of the ones that will be donating my time with that assignment. We're trying to reach the north side for the city also and as he mentioned, we're looking for some new young people, new blood. Maybe you find one or two of them. Who knows.

Ms. Eades: Just so you're, it's the Riverwalk Festival. I don't know if you know about that. It's the same day.

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- Mr. Matir: We can work on that. It's no problem.
- Ms. Eades: I'm just wondering... I don't know where this park is.
- Ms. Irgang: It's at the other end of the Riverwalk.
- Ms. Swanson: It's behind the car dealers on Washington Street.
- Ms. Irgang: Eventually, the Riverwalk will go there.
- Ms. Gibson: I'm waiting for the bike path to go down there so I don't get killed on Washington Street.
- Ms. Eades: That's the story of Jamestown; nothing to do and every weekend there are five things scheduled. We're also showing Finding Dory that day as well for anybody who is interested.
- Mr. Leone: Has there been an initiative to raise funds for that park that's been going on for a while?
- Mr. Matir: Good question. We do have one.
- Mr. Leone: How much has been raised? Do you know?
- Mr. Matir: I don't know the amount because it's the north side community group and I think that the Community Foundation is the one behind. I just have a few of these. I don't have knowledge of the digits, but they just approached me and they asked for help and new ideas. One thing that I do is, I reach the community with sports and we're going to be doing a basketball tournament. Just to get the voice going and get something established. After that – we have three of them so far. We have one July 30th, August 6th and now I'm going to verify with the 20th because if it conflicts with the Riverwalk – we need as much assistance as we can get that day.
- Ms. Gibson: You might be able to tie into it nicely and make it more appealing. With people already out and about with the Riverwalk. It could be a good time.
- Ms. Eades: Is that you or is it the other group?
- Ms. Kathman: It's the other group.
- Ms. Gibson: Who is the other group?
- Ms. Kathman: Jamestown Now.
- Mr. Leone: That's Mike Dykeman's group.
- Mr. Matir: Mike who?

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Ms. Kathman: Dykeman. He has the gallery and vintage store on Second Street, Second and Pine, you'll see the Dykeman Young Gallery. That's where he's at.

Ms. Irgang: JoAlexis, you said Conduit is working on this too. Is that part of I am Loved or is it different?

Mr. Matir: It actually falls on that week; when they're doing I am Loved. So it falls perfectly for them. The whole goal is that there's a little community, a little group on the north side. I had never heard of it. I made a phone call and found out that Vickye's retired from the city and one thing led to the other and she mentioned that they've been struggling with trying to raise this money and trying to get this park rolling. So I'm ready to get my hands dirty.

Ms. Gibson: Vince, do you have anything? You don't have a big announcement? Maybe someday?

Mr. DeJoy: Hopefully soon.

Ms. Irgang: You're not worried, right?

Mr. DeJoy: We don't know.

Ms. Swanson: Are we meeting in August?

Ms. Gibson: I'm actually on vacation. If we moved it up? Should we skip August?

Ms. Swanson: Maybe this one could skip.

Ms. Gibson: Why don't we take August off for the overall commission and then the subgroups can meet.

Ms. Irgang: Our group will finally get to work on the Community Board Leadership.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.
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