

4th Street Visionaries Civic Association Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 27th, 2021 6:30-7:30pm

ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING

In attendance: Felicia Davis (resident, Be Ready), Pastor Margaret Moon-Taylor (Be Ready), Elder Wayne Emmanuel DeShields (Be Ready), Iz Balleto (DelArt, RC, 302GunsDown), Jason McCall (WSGT), Monica Castellano (Health Communities Delaware), Airlie Peoples (Bright Spot Farm, West End), Kevin Melloy (resident & business owner), Sherry Dorsey Walker (resident, 3rd District State Rep), Michael Beltran (RC), CJ Bland (WSGT), Laura Adarve (LACC), Damon Walker (RC), Bregetta Fields (resident, Councilperson)

Welcome, Introductions - 5 minutes

Introduction of new Be Ready leadership & goals - 15 minutes

- Goal to continue and develop relationships
- Biggest endeavor: Solomon's Court mixed-use development
- Elder Wayne Emmanuel DeShields & Pastor Margaret Moon Taylor - Elder Wayne is typically in office/neighborhood
- Want to build stronger bonds - connect Cool Spring & Hilltop areas further
- Want to work harder to market Be Ready with local businesses, churches
- Want to be more visible and engaged with community, take pride in blocks and home
- Build stronger relationships with all City Council
- Collaborate with other communities - inclusivity

Questions, comments, and community announcements (open floor) - 15 minutes

- LACC Harrison & 4th Street - 1:30-3:30 PM Covid-19 testing & flu vaccines for free - walk up! No pre-registration - nasal swab
- Roberto Clemente League - rebuilding Woodlawn Park & spirit of the league, address gun violence in the city by creating alternative activities, educate youth & engage in activism, hope, bring back culture of community
 - Renovation of Woodlawn Park timeline 3-5 years to completion
 - Currently in final design stage - once finalized, price tag can be announced and getting bids & funding
 - Intend to use local contractors, typically those close to project, will look into prioritizing contractors of color from community
 - Designer Tyelor Farmer
 - What can we do better? Add festivals, etc. This is your neighborhood. Our village.

- Bright Spot Farm - hire youth farm workers - focus on community engagement
 - Community ambassadors - community engagement & food justice - distributing around community
 - Offering CSA shares - weekly boxes of \$50-80 worth of fresh vegetables on sliding scale
- COVID-19 Kits via WSGT/Christiana Care
 - 500 for community, 500 for businesses
 - Need help identifying/distributing
 - 25 for Be Ready - use turkey giveaway list
 - Interested parties reach out to Jason jmccall@westsidegrows.org
- DE Legis. Black Caucus Thursday - SB191 & 31 - house will vote tomorrow to include POC - legislation must go through 2 consecutive cycles - goes into effect - watch live at <https://legis.delaware.gov/WatchAndListen>
- Be Ready Poetry Classes
- Annual Black Wall Street event coming up Saturday, February 20 (tentative)
 - Two location options - Milk & Honey or Judy Johnson Park
 - Contact Felicia (feliciad@bereadycdc.org), CJ (cbland@westsidegrows.org), or Jason (jmccall@westsidegrows.org)
- Be Ready has YDC youth workers available for period work (promotions, events, outreach) - reach out to Felicia Davis Feliciad@bereadycdc.org

Community survey for questions for elected officials

- To be emailed

Next Meeting - February 24, 2021