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NAYA Generations Project
Project Team meeting
February 13th 2014, 5:00 to 7:00pm
Bridge Meadows, 8502 N Wayland Ave., Portland 97203

Attended by:

Representative Alissa Keny-Guyer, Donalda Dodson, Rey Espana, Lynn Ward, Brian Carleton, Michael Mills, Derenda Schubert, Jennifer Hoffman, Commissioner Judy Shiprack, Nick Christensen, Kevin Cronin, Rayven Settler, Dan Peterson, Renee Rhiner, Greg Raisman, Kellie Barber, Renee Moseley, Harriet Adair, Nick Sauvie, Cary Watters, Cheryl Baldomaro, Lucas, Bob Glascock, Michelle Plambeck, Robin Rabiouff, John Mulvey, Courtney Morton, and Maha Al Yousufi Brown.

Key Points

- Michael Mills discussed what it means for the NAYA Generations Project to be designated an Oregon Solutions project, and obtained consensus on ground rules for the team to operate by.
- Rey Espana presented the NAYA Generations mission and purpose, and engaged team members in reaching concurrence with the mission and purpose.
- The purpose statement helps to describe the sense of equity embodied within the NAYA Generations project and grounds the group with a common vision.
- Lynn Ward described NAYA's experience in serving Native American children and the severity of the issues related to Native American children being removed from their parents and placed into foster care; and, how difficult it is to find housing for the children during that process.
- NAYA is vested in the Lents community and the greater East Portland area that is home to a significant number of Native Americans; and, an area that lacks Early Learning services.
- The housing component of the NAYA Generations Project is inspired by the Bridge Meadows intergenerational housing community; and, the Early Learning Center program is inspired by the Gladstone Center for Children and Families.
- Starting early child education will prepare the children to succeed in the following stages of educations (prevention more effective than later intervention).
- After the three committees (finance, design, and wrap around services) met the committee members were faced with many issues that overlap.



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- Therefore, the committees are going to be merged into one committee called Working Group Committee, this would be in the best interest to move the project in the right direction and within the time frame.
- The Working Group Committee will meet every Thursday from 3:30 to 5:00pm.
- The Design committee will meet once a month to address design and community outreach.
- PBOT (Transportation) is committed to working with the Project Team on public right of way and transportation safety issues, and creative options for the success at the site.

Early Learning Center

- Understanding the dynamics of the ELC and how it works.
- The ELC will service and positively impact the Lents community and its children.
- The Lents area needs more early education classrooms for the children of Lents.
- Since outer SE area is underserved, the future ELC classrooms at NAYA Generations Project will fill an existing need for Pre-K and K students from their neighborhood schools.

Intergenerational Community (IGC)

- 10 housing units are designated for families out of the total of 40.
- IGC will have transitional housing units for the foster children in the process of finding a permanent home.
- The IGC housing units will help foster children
 1. over 8-years old be adopted or placed in guardianship
 2. Keep foster children siblings living together

Upcoming Meetings

- The Working Group Committee will meet every Thursday from 3:30 to 5:00pm.
- The Design committee will meet once a month, following a WG meeting.
- Next Project Team meeting will be March 10, from 3:00 to 5:30pm at the Gladstone Center for Children and Families. (<http://gladstone.k12.or.us/center/>) Tour at 3:00, meeting at 3:30pm.