

## **Transforming Safety Mtg**

**Colorado Springs**

**1/27/18**

**Attendees: Andrea Adkins, Shane Alvarez, Robert Bentley, Wendy Birhanzel, Robert Burns, Bill Chancy, Jody Derington, Jim Hinkle, Jeannette Holtham, Kristiana Huitron, Patience Kabwasa, Chauncey LaBrie, Promise Lee, Mina Liebert, Lisa Medina, Juquin Mobley, Linda Perkins, Julie Ramirez, Wilfred Romero, Joyce Salazar, Abby Simpson, Taj Stokes, Teresa Thomas**

### **Helpers/Observers:**

**Eula Tatman / Pikes Peak Community Foundation**

**Gwen Bonilla / Accion marketing manager**

**Jeannie Orozco / Council Of Neighbors and Organizations**

**Christie Donner / Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition**

### **Guests:**

**Mia Ramirez / Colorado Trust**

**Chelsea Gaylord / City of Colorado Springs Economic Development**

### **Facilitator:**

**Wendy Talley**

### **Guest Policy:**

- Guests are meeting attendees who are not members of the Local Planning Team and not part of the team that produces or provides information to the LPT.
- Guests must introduce themselves
- Guest can participate in activities
- Guests do not have a vote on any official LPT business
- Guests will be asked to give a 1 minute summary or input at end of meeting

### **Norms:**

- Considerate of time: keep things short and sweet
- Treat others as they have value, their words have value
- All get a chance to speak (responsibility of group & individual)
- Stay curious and listen, courteous and interested
- No gossip, keep conversations and opinions within the group
- Confidentiality: only share your experience and opinions and not others

### **Small Business Lending:**

- Gwen Bonilla from Accion talked about loan program they will be running in the Colorado Springs area

### **Homework (video) Feedback:**

- The importance of owning their own narrative
- Where the story starts influences the story and people's perception
- The headlines in the newspaper have changed for the positive

- Changing our community to see a different perspective, positive, strengths-based focus
- Redirect the conversation, revealing the strengths of the community rather than fighting the negative

#### Existing Community Initiatives:

- Trust for Public Land (TPL) has received funding for the Parks for People program. Their mission is for people to live within 10 minutes of a quality park and will be launching their exploratory process this Spring to identify community priorities for park improvements and provide schematic designs
- Trails and Open Space Coalition (TOSC) has received funding for Biking Connections – identifying areas in Southeast Colorado Springs that are currently difficult to bike or walk and will determine appropriate way-finding signage and maps to encourage use of the Sand Creek Trail. “Pedal Ambassadors” will be selected and trained to lead community bike rides and show riders how to navigate to various locations.
- The Council of Neighbors and Organizations (CONO) has received a grant to conduct strategic planning, piloting their project in the Panorama Park neighborhood. CONO will develop a toolkit from this project to assist other neighborhoods in their visioning process.
- El Paso County Public Health (EPCPH) has received funding opportunities focused in Southeast Colorado Springs through The Colorado Health Foundation, in partnership with the Urban Land Institute (ULI) to support Building Healthy Places.
- The first is funding to create a mural wall, working with Harrison School District Two art students and a local artist to beautify a portion of the Sand Creek Trail.
- The second is to produce a diverse set of recommendations and priorities for physical environment and policy improvements to impact health. The ULI Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) visited in early January, conducting site visits and stakeholder interviews. The ULI TAP presented their findings and recommendations on January 12th from 9:00 – 10:30AM at Silver Key Senior Services, 1625 S. Murray Blvd. These recommendations will assist to identify strategies for which \$1 million in implementation funding is available . Thank you to all that have participated in ULI events..
- After many months, the Southeast Women, Infants, Children (WIC) Clinic opened on Tuesday, January 16th for clients. EPCPH will host an open house and ribbon cutting on Thursday, February 1st from 10:00AM – 2:00PM. The WIC Clinic is located at 2948 E. Fountain Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80910.

#### Data the LPT would like to see:

- Types of businesses already here and revenue
- Skills and training needed
- What community has provided as needs?
- What are the gaps?
  - Education
  - Medical
  - Transportation
- Get a copy of the assessment

- Share it next session
- Crime Stats
- Returning individuals
- Youth Violence Prevention
  - Meeting February 6, 2018 10:30 am @ The Sand Creek Police Department Colorado Springs, CO. 80916
  - Contact: Angela Kedroutek [angelakedroutek@centura.org](mailto:angelakedroutek@centura.org)

**Possible Lesson Learned:** data question should be homework to save meeting time?

According to the Transforming Safety legislation, grant funds can be used in the following broad categories:

- Academic achievement. This includes
  - Making sure children are ready for school
  - Reducing the number of students expelled or suspended from school
  - Increasing high school graduation
  - Increasing college enrollment
  - Helping students stay in college
  - Improving connections between schools, parents, and students.
- Community-based direct services. This includes efforts to
  - Strengthen families
  - Promote recovery from trauma
  - Provide support to crime survivors
  - Increase employment
  - Reduce the number of people who return to prison.
- Neighborhood connections. This includes
  - Community engagement
  - Helping develop local leaders.
- Increasing the safety and usability of common outdoor spaces.

A copy of the Transforming Safety legislation, HB 17-1326, can be found at <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb17-1326>.