

TCAP Cohort Meeting 1 Notes

Tenderloin Community Action Grant Cohort

Commitments to collaboration and collective impact

June 2023

Intro

These breakout groups took place as part of a larger event with project sponsors and were specifically created to serve the purpose of enabling project sponsors to learn more about other projects that were rewarded through the Community Action Grants funding and identify collaborative opportunities. During these breakout group discussions, valuable insights were shared, and fruitful discussions took place, resulting in a series of notable commitments and collaborative initiatives being highlighted in the notes.

Table A: Park Activities and Celebrations

Participants: Eid Cultural Event (Adnan, Elias, Arab Youth Collaborative), TL Sinulog Festival (Lorenzo, TNDC) (Harley, TLCBD Youth Fellow), Park Stewardship (Esan, TLCBD)

Park Stewardship

- TLCBD is committed to assisting with various aspects of park activities and celebrations, such as providing safe passage support and additional cleaning services during events.

TL Sinulog Festival

- The TL Sinulog Festival is scheduled to take place in January 2024 and May 2024. This outdoor event will feature a parade that starts at St. Anthony's Church and goes through the neighborhood.
 - The TL Sinulog Festival aims to involve Filipino youth in event planning and increase their participation in community gatherings.

General

- Interest in cross-promotion of each other's events to maximize community engagement.
- There is a need in reserving Boeddeker Park for celebrations or events. Esan helped connect Adnan to Boeddeker Park site coordinator.

Eid Cultural Event

- Adnan leads a Arab youth leadership group that will be responsible for planning the Eid Cultural Celebration at Boeddeker Park and can also assist at other events.

Table B: New Public Spaces

Participants: Larkin Street Canopy (Rene, Tenderloin Merchants Association), Safe Passage (Kate, Eric, Tenderloin Community Benefit District), Elm Alley School Street (Kara, Scott Tenderloin Community School), Golden Gate Green Way (Geoffrey, St. Anthony's)

Golden Gate Green Way

- Geoffrey has secured approval from SFMTA for a block closure from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm daily, which will remain in effect until November. St. Anthony's is actively advocating for an extension beyond November to accommodate events like the Sinulog festival, eliminating the need for the permitting process.
 - Opportunity for hosting food pantries, ensuring easy access for the community.

Safe Passage

- Safe Passage can support stewardship efforts in the new space. They currently oversee safe crossings during school starting and ending times and will provide additional assistance during events.
- Safe Passage aims expand presence in three key areas: Macallister, Eddy, and Mason, with a connection to the Golden Gate Green Way.

Table C: Youth Education and Recreation

Participants: Arab Youth Center (Dr. Iman, Bushrah, Rania, Iman Network), Community Housing Education for Arabic Speaking Residence (Theresa, BISHOP) , Family Housing Torturing Program (Tatjana, CCDC), (Sirch, Tenderloin Community Benefit District)

Community Housing Education for Arabic Speaking Residence

- Bishop is keen on engaging with Arab Youth Center and other projects that serve the Arab community to provide outreach for community housing education. Collaborative events can be organized to bring Bishop's housing counseling to Arabic-speaking residents.

Teen Drop –In Center & Arab Youth Center

- Dr. Iman, Bushrah, and Katherine have expressed a shared interest in serving disconnected youth and would like to explore collaboration opportunities for future programming and events.

Arab Youth Center

- The Arab Youth Center is interested in assisting with the Eid Cultural Celebration, contributing to the vibrant tapestry of community events.

Family Housing Torturing Program

- Overall recommend leveraging existing collaboratives in the neighborhood, such as the Tenderloin After School Program collaborative, as excellent platforms to plug into.
- CCDC has opened up additional slots in the tutoring program to youth outside of 201 Turk and can collaborate with Arab Youth Center to fill those spots.

Table D: Community Wellness

Participants: Naomi (La Cocina), Esan (TLCBD), Elgin (CodeTL), Diana (SEACC) , Ashley (Planning), Maddie (DISH)

Participants: Delivering innovation in supportive housing food program (Naomi+Leila, La Cocina, DISH), Clean Team (Esan, Tenderloin Community Benefit District), Night & Weekend Safety Navigators (Elgin, Code TL), Capacity Building for Tenderloin Southeast Asian Community (Diana, South East Asian Community Center)

Night & weekend Safety Navigators

- Code TL, represented by Elgin, has developed a comprehensive plan for night-to-weekend ambassadors who will operate in front of businesses, providing services and wellness checks. They will also establish a dedicated hotline for community members to utilize. The ambassadors' operating hours are from 7:00 pm to 3:00 am, Thursday through Monday.

Capacity Building for Tenderloin Southeast Asian Community

- Diana would like to connect with folks (Clean Team, Night Navigators) who can help with safety and cleanliness before and during food pantry days (Every Friday, 6 am)

Delivering innovation in supportive housing food program

- DISH raises concerns about hot spots at the Boeddeker Park ledge and the empty city college building on Eddy Street, where drug dealing occurs. They propose coordinating the efforts of the night shift with Night Safety navigators to ensure access to housing and entry.
- La Cocina: "Send your clients our way, encourage them to transfer skills". La Cocina is open to working with cooks in the informal economy to create more formal food businesses

Clean Team

- Esan from TLCBD highlights that grant funds are available to provide additional cleaning related to events (power washing included).

Collectively, the group discussed updating a food resource document that shares where folks can get free meals on every day of the week. Elgin has a previous version of the document.

