

# Meeting Notes

## Green Zones Workgroup Meeting #7

October 11, 2016

4:00-6:00pm

EMERGE Career and Technology Center (ECTC), Phillips Room 1834  
Emerson Avenue North

**Goals: Review Green Zones data metrics & identify priority geographic areas**

**Working Group Members Present:** Amber Haukedahl, Emily Stern, Gayle Bonneville, Jennifer Swanson, Karen Moe, Max Holdhusen, Michael Guest, Michelle Chavez, Patrick Hanlon, Yolonda Adams-Lee

**City Staff:** Gayle Prest, Kelly Muellman

**Guests:** Karen Solas, Jim Dorsey, Laura Babcock, Anne Morris, Tamara Downs Schwei

**Working Group Members Unable to Attend:** Guinevere Baptise-Johns, Jim Terrell, Kent Peterson, Louis Alemayehu, Rosa Tock, Roxxanne O'Brien, Shalini Gupta

- **Welcome & Refreshments (4:00-4:20pm)**  
Introductions & Review Group Norms
- **Review Green Zones objectives and process (4:20-4:30pm)**  
Kelly Muellman reviewed where the Workgroup is in the process and what to expect for the next few meetings. The timeline proposes prioritizing the pilot Green Zone in November, discussing strategies and activities in December, finalizing recommendations in January and presenting to City Council in February. This is a tentative timeline and could be adjusted based on how quickly the Workgroup gets through recommendations as well as community engagement ([Attachment 1 - Timeline](#))
- **Review Data Metrics by Priority Issue (4:25-5:15pm)**  
Kelly showed an interactive Green Zones mapping tool that includes data to measure all of the Green Zones priority issues identified by the Workgroup. Kelly walked through each of the individual data indicators and then showed how they can be combined to

demonstrate cumulative burden. The tool will help the Workgroup decide on the priority Green Zones areas. The tool is available at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/sustainability/policies/WCMSP-187876>.

The following changes will be made based on Workgroup member feedback:

- remove Naphthalene from Air Quality,
- add state/Federal Superfund sites, and
- check the analysis for the Farmers' Markets.
- add Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's MnRiskS air modeling data for on-road mobile, off-road mobile, area and point sources

- **Mapping Exercise (5:15-5:35pm)**

After reviewing the data, Yolonda Adams-Lee led the Workgroup through an exercise to start prioritizing potential Green Zones locations. Each Workgroup member received eight dots to put on blank maps for each priority issue where they felt the need/priority was greatest. The Workgroup will come back to these maps at our November meeting. Workgroup members who were unable to attend the meeting will be engaged before the November meeting to review the mapping tool and place their dots.

- **Committee Report on Community Engagement (5:35-5:45pm)**

Michelle Chavez provided a report-back from the Workgroup's November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting on community engagement. The group landed on the following next steps:

1. Identify communities with greatest need (using mapping) – this will happen at Oct & Nov Workgroup meetings
2. Identify who within the communities of greatest need (sub-communities)
3. Ask each community (and sub-community) how they want to be engaged (can't be one-sized-fits-all strategy)
  - a. Be prepared to provide refreshments, stipends, child care, and/or pay community organizations and leaders to engage community
4. Check Workgroup-identified priority issues with community
  - a. Ask: Are these your priorities? Is this what you want the city to work on? If not, what would you prioritize?
  - b. Additional questions: What's already in your community (resources, programs, etc.) that can be built on or connected to? What isn't working? Is this duplicating existing efforts?
  - c. Be transparent and manage expectations: what can and can't be changed, resource/funding limitations.

- **Discussion of MPCA funding (5:45-5:55pm)**

There was a discussion about the use of surplus grant funds that were originally designated for Workgroup member stipends. Depending on the number of community representatives that attend each meeting and accept stipends, and how many meetings

the Workgroup needs to finalize recommendations, there will likely be between \$500-800 extra in the budget. All the ideas for using the surplus funds were written on butcher block paper and Workgroup members voted for their preference using dots. The ideas are included below.

- Additional research
- Double Workgroup members' current stipends
- Increase resources for community engagement
  - Supporting participants through stipends, food, child care or transportation costs
  - Focus groups/collecting community stories (and supporting participants by meeting them where they are and providing food, childcare, transportation costs, and stipends if possible)
- Hire a facilitator

Workgroup members who were unable to attend the meeting will be engaged before the November meeting to place their vote.

- **Wrap Up & Adjourn (5:55-6:00pm)**
  - Next Meeting: Nov 15, 5:00-7:00pm, Center for Changing Lives
  - Agenda items include reviewing results of dot activity; talking about existing “zones” and initiatives; and prioritizing issues and locations of Green Zones