

The Latino Engagement Task Force

Saturday June 28th, 2014

Question 1

“How can city leader better work with neighborhood and community organizations to make access to decision making more equitable and accessible to all residents?”

- Having meetings to make people feel more open and welcome (all neighborhood)
- Having more interpreters in meeting so people can understand and document translations in Spanish and English
- Having meeting posted in Latino newspapers to spread the word to all community members
 - Weekly/Monthly (both in English and Spanish)
- Send information to leaders to spread the word
 - This is for training to build relationship
 - This is so people in the community can have the right to access information
- More organizations programs like the Salvation Army
 - Music classes for kids
 - Offer more free programs for families
 - Community programs need to have more child care in Spanish
- Community would like to know more about rights and policies
 - Understanding navigation of the city programs and outreach
 - Program should be for open to entire communities and neighborhood
- Neighborhood organizations
 - Should consider door knocking
 - Understand that the Latino community evolving and ready to build a relationship with the community
 - The Latino Community values home/business ownership
 - Involve young people in the community because they can help shape the community
- Problem and Situations the Latino community is facing
 - Residents should be more evolved to engage in the decision making process city for more access (better commutations)
 - Understanding and using 311 to find resources and information
 - Understanding different organizations to build opportunity
 - Would like more soccer parks that are free for everyone.
 - Media outlets closes doors for opportunity because of cost issues

- Property owners should care about who their renting their homes, apartments or business too
 - So that home/property values wont decrease
- Neighborhood are experiencing
 - Theft
 - Cost of rent is increasing
 - Safety lacking in the community
- Many Latino leaders attend group session or meeting with neighborhood organization and don't feel like their opinion are valued (lack of feeling included)
- Neighborhood organizations/City of Minneapolis need to do a better job with providing access for community problems
 - Develop trainings and focus session for the Latino community to build and understand the system this can include
 - Owners of homes and businesses
 - Providing training that includes the leadership in the community
 - Access to discrimination tools so people in the community can feel valued
 - Educating the youth so kids can have a positive outcome in the future
 - More education about the Pillsbury-Waite House
- City of Minneapolis/Neighborhood organizations should focus on how to work with people in the community
 - By city blocks, streets or yards
 - By understanding more funding makes the community grow
 - By checking and engaging with neighbors to understand what's happening in the communities
 - By encouraging different organization to do better work
 - By giving support to private school for more opportunities
- Sports/activities in the community
 - More sports for youth to eliminate crimes and drugs in the community
 - When participating in activities they should all be free
 - More sports that include youth between ages 10-11, because city is lacking a lot of programs for them
- Minneapolis Park Boards
 - The Latino Community is concerned with, "why do families have to pay the Minneapolis Park Boards every time they use the facilities?"
 - Communicating to Minneapolis Park Boards to come up with better way to understand family's needs
- Latino communities would like more positive Programs in the Latino community (Fanns) to help in

- Job resume
- Education/College opportunity
- Training
- Incentives
 - Money, gift cards, food
- Motivating kids so they will show up

Question 2

“What can city and neighborhood leaders do to help ensure that neighborhood organizations and all city boards and committees better reflect our communities?”

- Translators/interpreters for Latino community
- Leaders in the Latino community should get more funding, payments and incentives for
 - Flyers in Spanish and English
 - Food/bakers that will bring more people in the door
- Safety in the Latino community should be better monitored and inform to community
- English class should be available with child care services
 - Should include day care services
- People would like the City of Minneapolis to listen to problem
 - City of Minneapolis knows how to get access to community resources
 - Providing more phones from City of Minneapolis to community
 - Making sure money allocated to the Latino communities in supporting the work in the community
 - Finding new ways to reach out to people at homes so they can participate in the community events
 - Outreach with flyers so people can join and participate in up communing events
- When it comes to money, information and food
 - Neighborhood organizations should explain how the money is allocated in the community
 - (We) Neighborhood Community Relations department needs to inform the community about our rolls, responsibilities within the structures of the 71 neighborhood organizations
 - The city should Invest more money into community so the community can deliver positive results
 - Include roster to find different neighborhood organizations to connect with different neighborhoods in the community
 - Making sure the City of Minneapolis listen to the needs of the people in the community because it matters

- Allocate more money to support all residents
 - Neighborhood accountably
- Engage resources for the need of people in the community
- Providing more leadership training and opportunity for community members
 - This is to develop more leadership skills
- More money is needed to support leadership development

Question 3

“What would get you and others involved in the community more involved in neighborhood organizations and in the civic life of our city?”

This question couldn't be completed because of limited time. Questions 3 will be sent by email to the Latino Engagement Task Force