

Faith Relations Committee Minutes
March 26, 2020, 9:00 – 10:00am
Zoom Video Conference

Committee Members

Rob Abraham, Y360

Jeff Ader, *President, Temple Beit Torah*

Lane Campbell, *Major, Chaplain, US Air Force Academy*

Kobi Chumash, *Director of Hillel, Colorado College*

Jacque Franklin, *Minister of Pastoral Care, First Congregational Church*

Kate Holbrook, *Chaplain, Colorado College*

Pauli Hubbard, *Missions Team Leader, First Congregational Church*

Feda Jodeh, *Islamic Society of Colorado Springs*

Marti O'Dell, *Outreach Committee Chair, Grace & St. Stephen's Episcopal Church*

Iah Pillsbury, *Rabbi, Temple Beit Torah*

Renee Reif, *The Humanist Society of Colorado*

Dave Resch, *Board Member, BodhiMind Center*

Paula Stecker, *Pastor, Christ the King Lutheran Church*

Eric Stolp, *Thrivent Financial, PPHFH Board Member*

Barb Traecy, *PPHFH Board Member*

Guests/Staff

Dustin Alarid, *FIA Program Manager*

Iain Probert, *Director of Strategic Partnerships*

Demie Fultz, *Donor Relations Specialist*

Sarah Buchen, *Construction Volunteer Coordinator*

Makenna Crosby, *Volunteer Engagement AmeriCorps VISTA*

Greg Kovach, *Director of Operations*

Opening

Dustin Alarid opened the meeting at 9:02am with prayer.

Introductions

Committee members and staff members were introduced.

PPHFH Status Update

Mr. Probert provided a status update on PPHFH:

- 5 areas to our work at habitat:
 - o Advocacy-to advocate for decent, affordable housing
 - o Retailer-ReStore
 - o Land Developer
 - o Constructor-2nd largest home builder in the U.S.
 - o Affordable Mortgages

- For the time being, our construction sites are able to be open and will be operating with our staff only
- Office staff-all working remotely
- Working to see if our ReStore can remain open

Review of February's Minutes

- Brief recap of February's meeting and minutes

Community Build – 3 Simultaneous Homes

- We have received feedback from PPHFH Directors, and will move forward with all 3 builds as part of the Interfaith Build for Unity
 - o It is possible to have the homes built simultaneously
 - o Development is across the street from Aragon Elementary
 - o General volunteers, volunteers from other groups, etc. community as a whole will all be involved

Ground Blessing Update

- We were originally planning for the Ground Blessing to be Sunday May 3rd
- It is likely that this will need to be pushed back at least a few weeks
- Still need to begin planning for this
- Thoughts/ideas for the Ground Blessing ceremony:
 - o Music is unifying, would be great to include children
 - o Videotape Ground Blessing to be featured on everyone's website and/or social media
 - o Goal to have many speakers representing different faiths
 - o Would want community leaders from Fountain to be a part of the Ground Blessing
 - o Bringing tools as gifts to the Ground Blessing is an idea
 - Construction team is in the process of inventorying everything
 - It is possible that there is a need for more tools given the volunteer count, and simultaneous building

Volunteering Schedule Option

- We have permission to volunteer on Sundays, this is new for our staff as they have never worked at the construction sites on Sundays before
- We are making this change to accommodate everyone
- CERVIS is our online volunteer registration system
 - o Will have times slotted throughout the year and entire operation of the build
 - o Signups encouraged ahead of time to reserve your spot
 - o Waiver is to be filled out online
- We will have a few rounds, by doing these rounds we will be able to gage the demand and not have too many volunteer slots open or too few
 - o Round 1: one Saturday and one Sunday per month, for each of these days slots for 2 groups (5 from each group)
 - o Round 2: 4 groups up to 20 people at a time

- Since Sundays are typically an off day for our construction staff, we would add a second Sunday potentially because we need to balance the amount of supervisors per volunteers

Action Items

- Think/Plan about forming group Sub-Committees
 - What would the structure look like?
 - Potential sub-groups could include:
 - Event Planning
 - Outreach
 - Coordinate lunchtime food to be inclusive of everyone

What's needed from the Committee? (To be continued in future meetings)

- Brainstorming, dreaming, and planning
- Advocacy
- Event Planning (Kick-off event? Ground Blessing and Home Dedication)
 - May be good to break off into sub-committees for certain tasks such as food
- Volunteer Recruitment and Outreach to New Partners
 - *Examples:*
 - *African-American Churches (AME, Missionary Baptist, etc.)*
 - *Asian-American Churches (Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, etc.)*
 - *Eastern Orthodox (Holy Theophany)*
 - *GuruGhar (Sikh)*
 - *Hindu Community*
 - *Latter Day Saints*
 - *Spanish Churches*
 - *Unitarian Universalists, and more...*

Adjournment at 10:07am.

Date of next meeting: Thursday, April 23, from 9:00 to 10:00am.

- Via zoom, unless otherwise noted. (Future meeting to be held at Fountain Library, possibly May)