

# Intergenerational Programming Community Meeting

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## Breakout Room 1 Notes

### Notes

#### Presentation 1: Programming (Rachel, Nicole)

- Please see PowerPoint provided by Nicole and Rachel
- Participant Barbara Scott asked if this site is only providing programming to older adults with disabilities?
  - Isn't sure if older adults would want to be around children 5 and under? They do not see this model working in current times.
  - Not sure if this current programming meets the needs of older adults of today who are much more active and not sure if they want to be around younger children
  - Discussed how were questions asked for the feasibility studies?
  - Most of the older adults she talked to were not interested in this site and programming. Not reflective of what older adults currently want or need.
- Participant Diane Rouda discussed her work talking to older adults about mentoring. She helps do mentoring at schools, after school programs, etc.
  - She notes older adults showing interest in mentoring
  - Her program works well because it provides a stipend to older adults. This is beneficial to lower income older adults.
  - Needs of children of today very different then former years.
  - Some older adults like to spend time with kids, very different needs among the older adult population
  - She thinks this is a great opportunity but is not for all older adults.
- Barbra Scott reiterated this programming is not for all older adults and is concerned that surveys are written to get the answers the city needs.
- Participant Ashika Raval is more curious about the interaction that will occur between older adults and children.

### Chat

- *Jodi Lane 6:52 PM*  
*I unfortunately have a meeting starting at 7pm and will need to hop off. Hopefully we will have access to the main room recording, and I'll be sure to utilize the survey for my input.*
- *Jodi Lane 7:03 PM*  
*I need to hop off, but I am excited about the possibilities for the seniors at the RBJ/Ladybird Center to enjoy the amenities at the IRAC Center. Fruitful Commons and the Festival Beach Food Forest, which is nearby, would be willing to help generate the gardens.*
- *Diane Rouda 7:08 PM*

*I am the Volunteer Services Coordinator for The Foster Grandparent Program. I recruit and train Seniors to mentor young children.*

- *Clarke Heidrick 7:13 PM*

*I am Chair of the Board of the Rebekah Baines Johnson Center just down the street from Nash Hernandez Building. We have about 250 seniors living at RBJ now and in a couple of years we will have more than 500. they have different levels of activity. We think a number of them would like to participate. I would like to visit with Diane about coming to visit with our residents. I also on the Advisory Committee and hope we can make this work.*

### Presentation 2: Sites (Kelly, Russel)

- Please see presentation from Russel and Kelly
- Response to chat from B Scott 7:21 PM: All zip codes were looked at. 78745 has the highest need and then they worked their way down.
  - Sites selected where those that had the capability to host this.
  - For example, some sites had higher needs, but they were already attached to schools.
- Participant Barbara Scott shared concerned that programs already occurring will be displaced.
- **This session did not have a lot of time for questions and answers**

### Chat

- *Barbara Scott 7:21 PM*  
*Were these the only zip codes that were looked at?*
- *Barbara Scott 7:30 PM*  
*It would seem your need would require an empty building if you don't want to displace programs that are already in demand and needed.*

### Presentation 3: IRAC and NHB (Dr. Alarcon and Alyssa)

- Please see presentation from Dr. Alarcon
- Presenter mentioned concerned that Nash Hernandez has been left vacant for over 20 years and shared concern for the site as they consider it historical.
  - High percentage of low-income older adults in 78702, 78721, and 78741
  - Gave recap on project history
  - Provided the proposal of the IRAC at Nash Hernandez and the conceptual model of the space.
- Participant Clarke Heidrick shared that he thinks this proposal will be a great benefit for the area due to RBJ and he is a member of the RBJ Advisory Committee, and they support.
- **Little to no questions or feedback was provided by participants.**

### Chat

- *Barbara Scott 7:46 PM*  
*Listening to the Drs. presentation it seems that the decision as to where the pilot program will be held has already been determined, so why are we having this meeting?*
  - **Responded and let them know this is a proposal and has not been determined yet.**

- Participant Gretchen Flatau asked question about participants in varsity programming throughout all sites-will follow up with Kelly
  - Lori added it would be nice to have this data for children as well
- **Chat**-Will it not be opened to walk in senior or just the 80 participants?
  - **I could not hear the response from Dr. Angel**
  - Response from Justin: Initial participants will complete an application and be screened for the Intergenerational Day Center, but there will be opportunities to participate, not as part of Intergenerational Day Center program.
- **Chat**-Will the same participants come every day, or will you have a rotating schedule.
- Participant Suzanne Anderson explained licensing processes about enrollment.
- Participant Lori Renteria discussed Martin Middle School and Veterans Memorial and participation in performances.
- Participant Schuronda C asked about older adults and disabilities and their interaction with children.
  - Response from Rachel: older adults and children of all abilities will be served.
- Contact information was shared by Justin
- Participant Diane Rouda has several “grandparents” who volunteer with her program. They adjust their program to the needs of their participants.