



HEALTHY COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

of East Central Indiana

Nutrition Workgroup Meeting Feb. 11, 2020

NOTES

Special Topic: Seymour Street Garden

Attending:

Dawn Marie Oberly, Holy Trinity Church
Linda Hamilton, Holy Trinity Church
Max Ford, Muncie Sunrise Rotary
Sarah McCord, Muncie Sunrise Rotary
Mary Lewellen, Muncie Sunrise Rotary/Ivy Tech
Victoria Hedges, Healthy Lifestyle Center
Ashlee Anderson, Muncie Children's Museum
Leanna Cole, Open Door WIC
Krista Flynn, Ball State University
Amanda Clark, MITS
John Disher, IU Health

About the Healthy Community Alliance- John Disher

147 Partners in 3 counties
"Collective Impact through Partner Influence"
Physical Activity, Nutrition, Tobacco Cessation
www.healthycommunityalliance.org

Workgroups: Nutrition, Physical Activity, Jay, Blackford
Food Council
Tobacco Free Coalitions in Del., Blackford, Jay

Seymour Street Garden Idea- John, Mary, Amanda and Lindsey

Genesis/history- 2018 MITS expresses interest in making vacant lots on Seymour Street available for a community garden; 2019 Ivy Tech expresses interest in turning their community garden over to Muncie Sunrise Rotary for repurposing; Ivy Tech withdraws, Muncie Sunrise Rotary and MITS continue to pursue idea. Discussions in 2019 with Muncie Urban Garden Coalition, Master Gardeners, Purdue Extension, MITS, Muncie Sunrise Rotary flesh out basic needs for community garden, potential pitfalls, etc. Takeaways- community involvement critical, raised beds on gravel base, with disabled options available desired. Further discussion with St. Lawrence Church to establish them as the 'owner' of the garden were not successful, however they are willing to serve as a distribution point for produce.

Current state- Seeking input and support from HCA Nutrition Workgroup to move forward.



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Group Brainstorming

What would we like to see- what's our end result? (Group consensus) *We envision a community garden, run by a coalition of volunteers, which allows nearby neighborhood residents to help themselves to fruits and vegetables, with the surplus being distributed at a nearby church, and any leftovers given to the Soup Kitchen. We also envision a garden where children could visit as part of a learning experience.*

What assets do we have?

- 80x114 foot lot at corner of E. Seymour and S. Wolfe St.
- MITS pledge to rehab sidewalks
- MITS pledge to provide water access at no charge
- Muncie Sunrise Rotary volunteer leaders and workers, nearby toolshed
- Potential Rotary Foundation funding (not enough for entire project)
- Ivy Tech Planning and Resource guide for their garden experience

What assets do we need, or what are other possible sources of assets?

- Pengad located nearby (Brenda Williamson) volunteers, funding
- Knapp Supply located nearby, supplies, funding, volunteers
- Rural King- donated seeds
- East Washington Academy (closest school) 10 blocks away
- Nearby daycare centers?
- Distribution box at garden for recipes

How do we get to our end result? Form a collaboration agreement, design facility, seek funding, construct, collaborators operate as envisioned.

What do we need to form a collaboration agreement? Willing Partners. Who best to bring together for next partnership discussion? Who might "Own" the process of planting, harvesting, distributing?

- Industry Neighborhood Association (Krista will connect with)
- Faith for all Nations Church (Nathan and Amanda will connect with)
- St. Lawrence (distribution)

Who could help inform collaboration efforts?

- Muncie Urban Garden Coalition
- YMCA garden manager
- Any other church that has a garden (Dawn)
- Master Gardeners



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-MPL Mary Lou Gentis (John will connect with)

-Purdue Extension

30/30- Nathan, Amanda, Krista, John will follow up on contacts, schedule to reconvene within 30 days.

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