

Listening Session #2: Town Hall on Community Participation June 12, 2020

Marian Baldini shared a brief PowerPoint highlighting the purpose of the Community Participation Meetings. [Click here](#) for a recording of session #2 held on June 12, 2020.

A summary of comments from the meeting participants are below:

- A house paid for a weeks' vacation to DE beaches, the vacation rental said that the state was open so we would need to come, Only way to get money back July....question is what happens...go or no go? (Centelia Forbes)
- Can we find a better/normal as possible space at any sites that aren't being currently used to either do family visits, set up space for picnics where social distancing can be done?
- Can we use current CPS locations for make-shift Movie Theater, other people zoom in? There is a screen at Robinson St.
- Robinson Street has already begun figuring out how to do separated areas
- Could be a neat idea for groups to get together to watch, participate, learn, and share with each other. Maybe even option for Robinson St. screen.
- If we limited number of people in shifts, would allow for thorough cleaning between groups or mid-week
- In Supported Living, people want to see their friends, have burgers in the yard at social distance but be there in person
- Also in Supported Living: people are not always wearing masks...are there other options?
- If reluctant to wear masks, offer mask decoration to make it fun; We can get some Steeler, Penn State/other themed masks
- Get friends together at parks at picnic tables that are spread out to maintain social distancing; walk in the park; have lunch
- One person met up with another staff and client at Rita's
- Bocce Ball Court open, Special Olympics, Honey Brook, Court in Central park Doylestown, Norristown, Boyertown State Theater
- Mini Golf courses are open; make it a day out with picnic
- Drive in Theaters open: Pottstown Sunnybrook Ballroom has one set up in their parking lot
- Outdoor lawn games: Croquet, Bocce, etc.
- Think of what consumers enjoy: arts and crafts; music; dance; etc.
- Volunteering with other pet lovers, other interest areas
 - www.mlar.org has volunteer opportunities for pets
 - non-profits doing virtual walks, you get the shirts medal, do it on your own time/location
 - Prior to pandemic, Seeds picked up from COSCO, Wegmans, Giant. Auntie Anne and delivery to food pantries, is there a way to continue?
 - www.petalplease.org...donate flowers from funerals and weddings... make the vases needed...old cans etc...donate and drop off...
 - Community Cupboard in Ambler, like little store taking donated items of food and clothing, also need volunteers: www.community-cupboard.org

- Transition beyond Covid: we could continue with small group activities, not sitting in building waiting around; ideally, we are building relationships, friendships, enriching lives and building skills
- Strive for the same type life we have: explore new things like we do by trial and error
- Virtual Reality Vacations: travel to different place, testing activities, exercise, bowling, fishing, Contacts working on this in the Enabling Technology Dept: Joe Maguire and Julie Daly; stimulus check spending opportunity; Great online communities in the VR space; Is there a way you can project VR on the wall? Participate in concerts, church services, etc., could be streamed for people also in homes?
- Virtual vision board activity, incorporate tech, Collage of pictures: <https://ginacincotta.wixsite.com/kencrest>
- As we think about people who have same likes, build on it after by sharing with Team, to build relationships, friendships; Can we start out socially distant but we could then move to bring people together?
- Time banking: Many of your know about it, Good Neighbors Time Bank is available to everyone, staff and clients, covers SE PA, virtual opportunities are included (for example you can have a virtual cooking class); feeds into meaningful life, not the same as community participation. Allison Smale for more information: asmale@kencrest.org; www.goodneighborstb.timebanks.org
- Would these activities be written on the new CPS sheets to be entered into Evolv?
- Club ideas fishing; gardening; etc...with staff and then connect about it
- Gardening would be a great idea. You can use egg/milk cartons, if there is no outside area.
- Currently Elmwood Zoo and Philadelphia Zoo have live animal education streams with Q&A opportunities every day.
 - Elmwood is at 11am
 - Philly is at 2pm
 - Elmwood park zoo also has a Drive-thru Safari
 - The ZOO would be a great idea for the Summer Care children. Thank you
- Great Adventure has also reopened their drive thru safari. You stay in your own vehicle.
- Individuals that are friends that live in different houses can even visit each other virtually and do some activities together. A virtual meeting time can be set up in order for them to meet and participate in the activities together.
- Meaningful life means the ability to have love and be loved-physically, emotionally and mentally and the aspects that embrace opportunities to make those choices
- What else can we do which is in community?
 - Donate to food pantry
 - Cards to nursing homes
 - Donate bake goods
 - Make signs
- What else can we do for civic engagement? Volunteer to serve our neighbors