

Community Engagement Committee

Committee Meeting Bullet Points

April 7, 2022

Attendees:

Commissioners - Russel, Curry-Da-Souza, Hutchison

Community Members - J.D. Quida, Kara

District Events

- District 1: Maroon Arts Group & the York Mason Building renovations. The Beautification Day 23rd is a cleanup event for the garden.
- Proposal to buy T-shirts for our committee.
- District 2: Easter Egg Hunt April 9th at the YMCA 12-2. Gathering at 10:30am to set up. Designated spot for special needs kids inside the gym. Everything will be at the playground.
- District 3: 4 Seasons City Farm Earth Day clean up. April 16th & 19th on 9-1 Mound St.
- District 4: Committed to help Franklin Park Civic Association with their Annual Mingle which takes place the first weekend in June.

Speakers

- Patrick McLean (Chief Financial Officer) & Dr. Ameena Kemavor (V.P. Advocacy & Engagement) of the Alcohol Drug And Mental Health Board of Franklin County
 - First of its kind mental health & addiction crisis center in Franklin county. Could be a model of design for other cities and counties across the nation.
 - A better alternative to call instead of 911 in case of an emergency. Unlike police and hospitals, the response team is specifically equipped & trained to handle these types of situations. 988 will be the number to call.
 - Located in the West Edge area near Franklin County Children's Services. 24 hour service with 16 beds. Clinical assessments will be done to determine the level of care necessary. Community based providers on site to discuss discharge and long term patient care after initial response.
 - No tax dollars needed. 46 million dollars raised from a variety of sources: State of Ohio, Franklin County, City of Columbus, local hospital, philanthropic support, ADAMH and federal funding. Hope to be operable in 2024.
- Nala Key: Community Engagement Lead of The Columbus Zoo
 - Culture Pass Program: open to Columbus Metropolitan Library cardholders. Allows one free pass up to 6 adults &/or children. No limits to how many times you can check out a pass.
 - Family Access Membership: Gives greater access with a different price point for families in WIC or Medicaid programs. \$45/year includes free admission, parking and discounts on various programs, activities and services for the entire household.

General

- Future Speakers
 - Rita Fuller-Yates: Columbus Landmarks
- Discussion to buy t-shirts for the committee.