Age Groups of Potential Participants

Each person at a Community Dinner in Nov. was given five stickers to "vote" for their top priorities for Rainier Beach food programs. Here's what they chose:

Rainier Beach Food Programming Priorities

Activities People Would Like to See*

Each person was also given seven stickers to "vote" for the types of activities they'd like to see at Rainier Beach Urban Farm. Here are some of the top choices:

Days of Week Preferred

Is cost a barrier?

Preferred cost-assistance options:

How many people responded?

Majority of Community Dinner attendees would prefer programming in the evening.

How much were they willing to pay for a class?

RANGE $5-100

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HOPES

• Distribute food at more public spaces (Dollar Store parking lot)
• Farmers market on promenade
• More Good Food Bags
• Equitable access to whole food for low-income families, seniors, homeless
• Access to healthy food and discourage eating processed foods
• Kids eating more healthy, organic food
• Food banks
• Callings, mailings, information available at Rainier Beach Community Center
• Need to spread news broadly so that people come to the farm also spread the news
• There is broader interest in the farm — it’s unique for this neighborhood
• Interested in the entire shoreline — would like a walking trail
• Hope the farm continues with beekeeping and maybe adds other livestock
• People like that it’s community grown food and that it’s organic
• Hopeful for more community dinners and meals together
• Would like to see it become a vibrant community hub
• See it as a resource network, expanding resources
• Job training
• Support living wages
• Help local businesses
• Make it affordable — sliding scale
• Paid internships that lead to full-time positions
• Teaching kids and community about healthy and diverse food
• Outreach and engage youth through money, sports and exercise
• Youth classes
• Kids’ events
• Family-friendly hours
• Cooking classes with rotating guest chefs
• Representation of different cultures from the neighborhood in the Food Innovation District

CONCERNS

• Language barriers
• Where are the activities? What days?
• Who is involved in the Food Innovation District?
• Need more clarity about the Food Innovation District — even some dinner participants who had been volunteering at Rainier Beach Urban Farm & Wetlands hadn’t heard of it
• Hours for the farm have not always been clear — needs better signage
• The locked gate can be a barrier when people are interested and want to check out the farm
• Gentrification is an issue
• Loss of cultural center for the families and seniors in the community
• What are the neighborhood impacts?
• Recruit talent from the community teach and lead, and pay them
• Jobs for adults and seniors, not just youth
• Not everyone has time to volunteer
• Hard for large families to pay for everyone to participate in activities
• Need to engage youth in ideas and programs

* Note: This information was gathered at a community dinner that Tilth hosted in November, which may have influenced the activities participants gave the highest priority.