



*Empowering community,  
Moving Rainier Beach Forward*

## **8-29-16 FID Partners Meeting#2 Notes**

### **I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**Attendees:** David Reyes, Rachel Tefft, Lauren Littles, Patrice Thomas, Lance Matteson, Tony To, Heidi Hall, David Sauvion.

- 2. Round Table** – We ask each of the participant to share their aspirations through their partnership in the Food Innovation District, and to highlight the needs their organization was looking to fulfill.

#### **Rainier Beach Urban Farm & Wetland (David Reyes)**

- How to be connected to what is going on in the neighborhood?
- How to be representative of the voices of the community?

#### **Needs**

- Volunteers / Role of Seattle Tilth (what does it look like for operations)
- Sustainability (land ownership model, trust)

#### **Roots Of All Roads (Rachel Tefft)**

- Market place that reflects/supports Rainier Beach
- Breaking silos
- Feedback from community

#### **Needs**

- Data collection / Vetting the concept
- Sustainability (moving away from 50% volunteer/50% paid)
- Mentorship & guidance

**MarketShare (Lauren Littles)** MarketShare is working on opening a permanent restaurant incubator/food court in King St. Station)

- Access to the community
- Community support from non-profit and immigrant and refugee groups
- Online petition for residents

#### **Needs**

- Communal kitchen
- Vendors (recruitment throughout summer)



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### **Rainier Beach Action Coalition (Patrice Thomas, David Sauvion)**

- Consider adjacent neighborhoods (Othello, Tukwila)
- Engage the African American community
- Land ownership
- Not just creating jobs but change the food system
- Develop sense of advocacy (individually + collectively)

#### **Needs**

- Real estate broker
- Entity to steward the land banking process
- Programming committee (training, schools, finance, technology)
- Education anchor partner (UW?)
- Volunteers
- Housing advocate
- Timeline

### **SouthEast Effective Development (Lance Matteson)**

- Support Food/Community driven initiatives
- Economic Development, nutritional health
- Job creation
- Start small, build to scale and impact (100s+ jobs)
- Density at light rail station
- Outcome driven, less talking

#### **Needs**

- Food Businesses
- Measure/Living wage
- Investments in job creation
- Financial tools (difficult compared to Affordable Housing)
- More data on business community in Rainier Beach (business sector and commercial real estate)
- Systematic up-to-date information & anecdotal information (one off opportunity)

### **HomeSight (Tony To)**

- Community-based Partnership
- Bringing more resources to community
- City-wide stewardship group (Equitable Development Implementation Plan)



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- Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) backed by U.S. Treasury)

### **Needs**

- Affordable Commercial base
- Community controlled ownership w/private funding partnership
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- Vendors (recruitment throughout summer)

### **Office of Economic Development (Heidi Hall)**

- Working with multiple neighborhood
- Grant capacity for small business development
- Role of businesses (outreach & conversations)

### **3. Wrap-up Questions, Announcements, & Next steps**

- South Seattle College Farm (Time & Date TBD)