



October 28, 2019

1pm at The Lighthouse Youth Center

Welcome & Introductions (20 minutes)

Take a moment to tell us about what your sector/organization has going on!

PRESENT: Crystal Shimp, Cindy Mellinger, John Lorah, Steve Melnyk, Nancy Hamill, Carolyn Reiste, Kathy Scott, Chris Hibbert, Steve Batchelor, Lisa Lowrie, Paula Fleming, Rod Redcay, Nancy Hanula, Chris Glover, Steve Bade, Rachel Elliott

Adamstown Library groundbreaking at November 16th at 10am

Discover Denver Debrief (5 minutes) Carolyn, Shannon, Chris

Community Assessment Workgroup conducted a survey at Discover Denver

Morning session was successful; second half of the day was a challenge

Good placement at the event

We were far away from the afternoon events - folks could not see us from where most of the activities were

Update on CCP (10 minutes) - Chris

CCP has fulfilled their mission. Perhaps we merge together to use their 501c3. It is also an option to stay under REAL Life and use their 501c3 status.

CCP conducts 5 events annually:

- 1) ***Assembly*** - middle school; work with Susan Brynes Center to set this up.
Kids really love it
- 2) ***Intergenerational Bingo*** - around 90 - 100 people; 1 time a year - donate prizes - it's free; refreshments; collect donations (donations have gone to Aveidum) – It is scheduled for March 27th (always a Friday)
- 3) ***Character Awards*** - high school students – end of year
- 4) ***Pondering over Pizza*** - meet with kids at high school to hear from them what they like/dislike/ etc.
- 5) ***Ideas over Ice Cream*** – usually in the spring - conversations at the middle school

Doing these five things for about 10 years

CCP has done other activities over the years to address local needs.

Conversation then moved to reasons to move under/merge with CCP. This included questions that attendees had, their perspectives, etc.

CCP - 501c3

- Annual audit/review - 990 tax return filing
- John (CCP Treasurer)- could do tax filings- his firm would be able to provide a compiled financial statement; would not be able to provide an independent audit – depending upon Cocalico Cares needs
- Nancy shares - we've been pretty static - most of the CCP group feels that it's probably a good time to work together
- Can change the name of the 501c3 – this is simply a filing with department of state/BCO
- Insurance - liability/D&O – would warrant further conversation
- CCP having trouble digging up their bylaws
- Denver Lions Club, Rotary, Women's club made generous contributions to CCP
- Most members would be interested in CCP participating in Cocalico Cares
- Is there a disadvantage of being tied to an organization like Rod's versus being totally independent?
 - Mission/vision and opportunity to apply for grants. REAL Life would provide support in writing grants if it was a good fit. REAL Life could be "competitor" for some grant opportunities (general operating support)
- Is it better to be an independent identity?
- Calendar year has been adopted by CCP (but activities are aligned with school year)
- Character Award applications go out in January. CCP has operating funds for this year. Not soliciting funds at this point.
- Cocalico Cares would get any money that is left over in the CCP bank account? CCP would notify donors.
- What extra work does this look like for Cocalico Cares?
- What other financial costs might Cocalico Cares incur?
- Does Cocalico Cares have the capacity as a group/organization?
- Mission of the two groups is the same. Like the idea of the two groups becoming one. CC is going in a new/fresher direction - makes sense to go that way. Some things with REAL Life are a concern - things in the community that don't jive with a religious organization. CCP has been awesome - it was very concentrated in the school - important for a community organization to be about the ENTIRE community - likes that about Cocalico Cares.

- CCP formed partly due to school funding - when SAP started - needed a community group in order to get some grant funding that was connected to that - that was the reason for the focus on the school.
- Currently, more issues in the community - broader picture -Cocalico Cares can provide that.
- Makes sense for two organizations to come together rather than acting in silos.
- Which direction do we head?
- What does it cost to pay to continue having the 501c3 status?
 - currently the only cost/filing under current CCP is just the tax filing. John does this himself. As organization grows - the costs will grow along with it and determine what level of financial services, etc. are needed.
- CCP does not currently have any insurance.
- CCP has not gone out and solicited for funds - Lisa and Paula would like to participate on the funding workgroup. Lisa believes there is opportunity to grow funds.
- Crystal still willing to facilitate workgroups; Crystal does not feel prepared to lead the organization. She is willing to organize dates, keep meetings together, etc.
- Nancy has been chairman since 1983 - it's time for someone else to step up.
- Do we have people who want to step up to leadership roles?
- Need some level of leadership to steer the group or it won't be successful.
- CCP looking forward to the CTC operating system to help develop more of an entity type thing.
- What is the vision of the group and who will lead it?

Sector Representation - who is missing? (handout) 5 minutes - Did not have time to discuss follow up - how did your outreach go?

Workgroups (10 minutes) – Share updates

Community Assessment Workgroup - next meeting 10/29 at 1pm

Steve Batchelor shared that the questions that the group used for the Discover Denver event were from Wellspan's Community Health and Wellness Assessment

Community Outreach and Public Relations Workgroup - next meeting 12/5 at 3pm

Decided to wait and see what came out of the assessment before large, official launch to community.

Waiting for Facebook and website, etc.

Group has lots of great ideas to move forward - let's make sure that the Cocalico Cares as a whole is in consensus about the direction that the groups moves in.

Funding/Resource Allocation Workgroup - meeting TBD

- Compass Mark Mini Grant Opportunity

Sunny at REAL Life helped to complete the mini-grant application

CTC Process Check-In - Where are we? Where are we heading? (10 minutes) – Did not have time to discuss

Wrap up (5 minutes)

Next Meeting Date –Monday, November 18th at 1pm at Lighthouse Youth Center