



The City of



Economic Development

MEETING NOTES

San Diego Promise Zone

Jobs and Education Notes

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 | 10:00 – 11:30 AM

In-Person | Logan Heights Library

Working Group Goal: To create jobs and improve educational opportunities in the Promise Zone.

In Attendance

Access Inc. (Lita Levine Kleger), **City of San Diego**—Office of Child and Youth Success (Tya Valentine), **City of San Diego**—Promise Zone, **Dreams & Ducats** (Rich Magale), **Good Neighbor Project** (John Alvarado), **Greater Than Tech** (Jasmine LeFlore), **Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation** (Mauri Hamilton), **Junior Achievement of San Diego** (Pana Hap), **MAAC Project** (Valerie Hash), **National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI)** (Deana Stevens, Samina Rose) **National Conflict Resolution Center** (Bridget Lambert), **Natural Insights** (Rafiqa Hawkins), **Port of San Diego** (Edward Perkins), **San Diego County Office of Education** (Ernesto Rivera), **San Diego Workforce Partnership** (Sahian Quezada), **SoCal Pre Apprenticeship Program** (Wanda Rogers, Maria Angey), **University of California San Diego** (Raquel Aparicio, Lan Ngueyen), **Urban Corps of San Diego County** (Helen Fehoko, Vivian Serrano, Zhenxi Zhong), **Youth Will** (Liliana Soriano Garista)

Meeting Notes

Welcome, Agenda Review, and Promise Zone Staff Updates

- Co-chair welcomed partners, reviewed the agenda, and led a culture share activity.
- Promise Zone staff welcomed their new intern, Ronah
- The team is looking to hire an additional intern, the role of an Americorps VISTA Leader & another Grants Associate.
- Upcoming working group meetings and VISTA contact information:
 - Economic Activity: Wednesday, January 17, 10am-11:30am via Zoom.
 - Bryan Villegas, BVillegas@sandiego.gov
 - Housing Affordability: Wednesday, January 24, 10am-11:30am via Zoom.
 - Ian Hembree, IHembree@sandiego.gov
 - Healthy Communities: Thursday, February 8, 10am-11:30am via Zoom.
 - Nathaniel Hillman, NHillman@sandiego.gov

Partner Updates

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- **Junior Achievement** announced the JA Fellow Fall Showcase on Friday, January 19, from 2:15pm-3:35pm at Lincoln High School. Join them in celebrating the Lincoln High JA Fellows and their graduation from the program. Listen to student stories and learn how career exploration and work-based learning experiences have impacted their lives. RVSP to Pana Hap at phap@jasandiego.org.
 - Junior Achievement is also searching for mentors to empower youth with critical leadership and other life skills and provide guidance on education, career pathways, and professionalism. Mentors meet their student mentees at Lincoln High School for a total of 5 sessions during the Spring Semester. Meetings will be held on Wednesdays from 2:15-3:35 pm. [Sign up here](#).
- **Youth Will** announced 'New Year, New Me' a New Year event on Tuesday, January 23, from 6pm-7:30pm at the City Heights Library, open to youth aged 16-24. At the event youth will set intentions for the new year, craft vision boards, and join in community. Share and [RSVP here](#).
- The **San Diego Workforce Partnership** and **Southeastern Live Well Center** are hosting a free community career & resource fair on Monday, January 29, from 10am-2pm at the Southeastern Live Well Center. Attendees will be able to meet face-to-face with employers who are ready to hire across a variety of industries. Register for free and learn more [here](#).
- **DREAMS+ DUCATS** announced 'Gather and Grow' a professional development and capacity building workshop on Wednesday, January 31, from 5pm-7pm at the San Diego Made Factory. The event is intended to explore the value of community engagement as a core strategy and learn what it takes to build authentic, long-lasting connections with your local community. [RSVP here](#).
- The **Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation** announced that they are accepting applications for the Jacobs Center Business Accelerator program. Participants will get help scaling their business and the opportunity to expand their network with other entrepreneurs and small business owners. [Apply here](#) before Friday, January 26.
 - They also have a variety of indoor and outdoor venues that can be used by community members, organizations, and non-profits. Non-profit or Charitable Organizations may be eligible for a 25% discount on venue space rental. [Learn more here](#).
- The **Office of Child and Youth Success** invited partners to attend their in-person Community Design Session scheduled for Thursday, February 29 from 8:45am-2pm at the San Diego Central Library. RSVP and learn more [here](#).
- The **National Conflict Resolution Center** shared their various training options including a workforce development training for youth. Learn more about their training options for school [here](#).
- **Urban Corps** announced openings for [Corpsmembers](#) and [Workforce development](#) programs including, TreeCorps and training for green jobs in San Diego County.
- **Care Service Workforce** announced a pre-apprenticeship program and are currently hiring individuals who are interested in on-the-job training and career pathways in the healthcare pathways. Learn more about the program [here](#).

- The **Good Neighbor Project** announced the renewal of a drone training program intended for youth who are interested in flying and obtaining a drone pilot's license. For more information contact John Alvarado at john@gnpsd.org.
- **Metropolitan Area Advisory Committee on Anti-Poverty (MAAC)** announced Next Level, a youth workforce development program for youth, ages 18-24, who live or learn in the greater South Bay communities of San Diego County. They provide necessary training, certification, and skills needed to take their career to the next level. Learn more [here](#).
- **Access Inc** shared about their services for youth including peer-to-peer youth programming, career counseling and job placement. Learn more [here](#) or reach out to info@access2jobs.org.

What Can Libraries Do for You?

Kaitlyn Gomez, Youth Services Librarian, Logan Heights Library,

- Kaitlyn presented on numerous free services for library card holders in the community.
 - Through the [eLibrary](#), San Diego Public Library card holders have free access to programs and trainings like LinkedIn Learning, BrainFuse, Peterson's Test and more.
 - The [Teen IDEA Lab](#) located inside the Logan Heights Library, has 3D Printers, a professional music studio, a GloForge laser cutter, Mac computers and more for youth 12 to 18. Adults are also able to use the space by making an appointment [online](#).
- [Paid internships](#) are offered through San Diego Public Library in a variety of sectors including special collections, library science, and [media arts](#).
- For questions, reach out to Kaitlyn Gomez, kgomez@sandiego.gov 619-533-3968.
- View the full presentation with more information [here](#).

City of San Diego Investment Snapshot

Michele Marano, Assistant Deputy Director, Economic Development Department

- Michele presented on the City of San Diego's Investments in the Promise Zone and asked for feedback from the group.
- The City has invested over \$2.5 billion into the Promise Zone since its designation in 2016. The investment snapshot and summary showcase how the money was used and will be presented exclusively at working group meetings in January prior to public release.

Review 2024 Agenda Items, Speakers, & Tactical Plan:

- The group briefly reviewed ideas for agenda items and guest speakers for future working group members.
- Partners are encouraged to review the tactical plans, developed in the November meeting, related to the objectives of this working group. Review and comment on the plans below before our next working group meeting:

- [Objective 1:](#) a) Increase educational and career supports for Opportunity Youth and b) Connect Opportunity Youth, aged 16-24, to employment c) Increase the number of college/career readiness programs for middle school children.
- [Objective 2:](#) a) Increase the number of residents employed in middle skills jobs in growing industries and b) increase the number of adults who are educated and prepared for middle wage jobs.
- [Objective 3:](#) Increase the number of students meeting school readiness and grade level expectations.

Wrap Up and Adjourn

- Digital Comment Box: <https://forms.gle/FAbFjw4ZUuAd3Uiy6>

Next Meeting

Wednesday, February 7, 2024 | 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Via Zoom | (Meeting ID: 160 295 2326)