



Morristown United for Healthy Living

January 22, 5:30pm - 7:30pm, St. Margaret's Church

Agenda

Minutes in purple

5:30 **Welcome & Introductions**

5:40 **Looking Back Over 2017**

2017 Recap Video debuted at the meeting! Watch the video at <https://youtu.be/Ks9GVQU-Q88>

5:50 **Updates Since Last Meeting**

- One Table event: Held 12/17/17, ~140 community members attended!
- Tenant Rights Training: Held 1/10/18, 41 community members attended!
- NJHCN Grant success: We've been awarded \$20,000 over two years to improve Pocohantus Park and implement a mobile farmers market (via Grow It Green)
- Habitat International grant application: We've applied for an additional \$20,000 grant to make improvements to Patriot's Path
- Morris Blue respite slots (**applications open now** at www.morrisblue.org; use "MUHL" in comments section for applicants from our neighborhood)
 - Nate will follow up with

6:00 **Upcoming Events/Activities**

- Family Promise/Interfaith Food Pantry/United Way of NNJ – Free Tax preparation (flyer shared with these minutes); people can also visit www.myfreetaxes.com
- NJ Citizen Action: They are available to take complaints from people who have experienced housing discrimination or related issues (flyer shared with these minutes)
- Homeless Solutions: Looking for volunteers to be "buddies"/role models for youth in their program; contact Emily Legg (emilylegg@hsinj.org) if you are interested in volunteering!

6:15 **Joint Learning and Action Opportunity: NJHC Community Voice Survey**

- Ashley Anglin, PhD, Data Committee Chair, *North Jersey Health Collaborative*
- The NJHC has launched the 2018 Community Voice Survey to collect the perspectives of community members on which issues matter the most for their health and well-being. All organizations are invited to join us in disseminating the survey; all organizations who signup get a custom link and paper forms (in English, Spanish and Arabic) and access to the data they collect, analysis support, and data entry services. **Go to <https://goo.gl/ET7seG> to sign up!!**
- Full overview/training webinar available at www.njhealthmatters.org/tiles/datacommittee under "Trainings"
- A preview of the survey is available at www.njhealthmatters.org/tiles/datacommittee under "Tools and Resources"

6:30 **Break-Outs by Group**



7:20 **Report-Backs by Group**

- **Training/Education/Advocacy group:**

- The group did a re-cap of trainings to-date (3); a total of 75 residents have been reached and the evaluation results are overwhelmingly positive. Interest is growing with each training. In future trainings, they want to be conscientious of reaching out the full community. They are also considering holding trainings in Spanish (and not just using the translation headsets)
- A sub-group plans to reach out to leaders at the Morristown Housing Authority to start a dialogue and partnership/see what they consider to be challenges and opportunities

- **Built Environment/Sense of Community group:**

- NJHCN Grant – Pocahontus Park ideas
 - Need additional funding to expand past the “basics”
 - Sustainable lighting should be part of the plan; we can save \$ with group purchasing (Nate may have some contacts)
 - Following grant launch, we will set up a meeting with the Town planners
 - Hold safety trainings and plan for signage when the park re-opens
- Parklets update
 - Morristown United provided funding for a parklet to be built in the neighborhood, but there have been obstacles to impelmentation. Morris Blue will be running this project now and is distributing a petition for local businesses to show their support
- Little Libraries Update
 - Morristown United has awarded Morris Habitat \$1,900 to build and install the libraries, which will be built by youth from the Bonnie Brae School. We are still exploring locations for installation, but ideas include homes on MLK built by Habitat, Churches, local businesses (private property easier than public property)
- Additional ideas:
 - Stationary bikes in parks (bikes could play music or have other exciting “draw”)
 - Music/Concert in the spring/summer
 - One Table event in the park
 - Block Party/ “Wellness Boulevard” (close down part of MLK and have different healty eating/active living stations)

7:30 **Close**

Next meeting: February 26, 2018