January 10, 2013

CHEA Expansion Subcommittee Meeting

Members present: Hannah, Donny, McAllen, Sam, Jesse, Molly, Mike, Bridget, Daniel, Leslie, Travis.

Agenda item #1, interfacing with Gault Residents:

Hannah: My thought is we should write them a letter. I wanted to talk about what exactly we wanted to contain in this letter.

McAllen: I would like to make sure they want to live there, not just tolerate it.

Daniel: We should say what exactly is a co-op, what will change, will they be able to change.

Some of the food and services, utilities etc. may be additional costs. What are the benefits?

Hannah: We should write a letter, seems like we're all on the same page with that. I'd also like to canvass door-to-door.

Daniel: About half the tenants are on Section 8 vouchers. Their caseworkers have to be in the loop with potential membership reviews, evictions, etc. Section 8 tenants usually have yearlong leases.

Hannah: Rants some about social justice.

Daniel: There's also a context of offering moving money.

Action item: write a letter to Gault residents.

Donny and Gatlin volunteer to take on this agenda item.

General membership acceptance processes:

Donny: It's already a requirement that prospective residents come to two meetings.

Hannah: I would like us to continue doing Open Membership processes like Sasona. I would like us to steer people by asking them more questions "How do you see yourself participating? What management committees do you see yourself serving on?"

Bridget: I think that people would come down here to Sasona.

Hannah: If Leslie and Travis are going to vote we need to vote to allow them to be subcommittee members.

Hannah motions that we accept Leslie and Travis as subcommittee members:

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Should we adopt the Sasona Open Membership processes?

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Common space:

Should we maintain the 4-bedroom, 2-bedroom, and former office as our projected common space?

Hannah: We may be able to get by without the 2-bedroom unit.

Donny: This building has a lack of common space so the more the better.

(Others agree for the most part)

McAllen: I'm interested in using people's living rooms at Gault Street as additional common spaces, on a voluntary basis.

Hannah: Do we want to upgrade our kitchen equipment?

Mike: Not sure.

Adjourned.