

Visiting Speaker Series Proposal

Problem

- Residents enjoy listening to engaging talks from authors and experts in various fields.
- Finding and booking speakers who captivate a primarily older audience can be challenging.
- The current Life Enrichment Team is often stretched thin when trying to fulfill this need.

Possible Solution

NEXT Village (see attached reference) is initiating a visiting speaker series program that could be leveraged to benefit Heritage residents.

The program would feature local authors, artists, and others who have done intriguing things in their lives. As an example, NEXT member Mary-Rose Hayes has written books in a variety of genres, including two in collaboration with Senator Barbara Boxer.

The series could feature Heritage residents, NEXT members, and other local figures who have interesting stories to share.

In this partnership, NEXT Village would identify and book the speakers, and Heritage would provide the venue and an audience comprising a mix of residents and NEXT members.

Mary Lindy and Roxana Lara have both expressed interest in pursuing this opportunity. The Residents Council has approved the concept in principle, pending further details.

Proposal

Heritage proposes partnering with NEXT Village to host a visiting speaker series for residents and NEXT members.

The Residents Council is asked to approve this proposal so that Roxana may proceed with discussions with NEXT Village to formalize the partnership.

About NEXT Village SF

Overview

NEXT Village SF is a neighborhood nonprofit providing services and support that help the elderly live independently.

"NEXT Village is a supportive community for older adults aging-in-place in northeast San Francisco. We also work to reduce isolation by hosting social, cultural, and educational events that keep people connected and engaged, and vital! We help with transportation, groceries, light household tasks, technology support, companionship, etc. We host over 200 events from walking, reading, foreign film, lunch, watercolor groups, to Live & Learn classes that offer unique learning opportunities. NEXT Village introduces older adults to new friends, activities, and ideas."

Key Facts

- **Mission:** Serving Northeast San Francisco as a 501(c)(3) non-profit.
- **Community:** Approximately 300 members and 200 volunteers (Member-only community).
- **Activity:** Offers almost 1,000 events a year to adults aged 60+.
- **Structure:** Founded in 2007; part of the national Village to Village Network.
- **Funding:** Supported by donations and grants; membership is a mix of donors, paying members, and subsidized members.
- **Leadership:** Run by volunteers and a small staff.

Heritage Connection

Nancy Trogman and Theo Armour are both full members of NEXT Village.

Would you like me to write the email to Roxana Lara that would accompany this proposal?