

SUFC Steering Committee Call

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Participating: Don Winsett, Peter Hutchins, Cara Boucher, Steve Sinclair, Alice Ewen, Gerry Gray, Carrie Gallagher, Scott Maco, Dan Lambe, Shannon Lawrence, Jen Hinrichs

- SUFC “situation letter” was edited and discussed by Steering Cmte members. Final version attached. Reminder: Donations made via ACTrees are tax deductible.
- A suggested donation amount was debated. Final decision was to leave off a suggested amount but that Steering Cmte members would use a suggested dollar amount of \$400/\$500 **OR** \$1,000+ per their knowledge of the SUFC member/partner and their relationship. *Note: If each SUFC member contributed at least \$500, we would reach the \$14k goal without additional contributions.*
- SUFC will wrap up the bulk of the Vibrant Cities/Communities grant work by the end of May with Shannon’s contract conclusion. On-going communications work by Fifth Estate will continue into early summer.
- Convening funders work by the ad hoc committee will continue through November (Partners Conf.) at a minimum.
- Several SUFC governance questions continue to be raised. This is a priority for Steering Cmte to tackle after immediate short-term funding issues are addressed.
- Negotiations for SUFC fiscal agent are almost completed. Jennifer/Don will provide update ASAP.
- Jennifer is finalizing FS grant and submitting once fiscal agent is 100% confirmed.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Indicate your availability for an in-person Steering Cmte meeting in Washington, DC. Assume a full day meeting for planning purposes.
<http://www.doodle.com/zarmr84g3pc6tmrd>
2. Review and update the *shared* Google document (copy attached for reference but not use) for 1-1 funding follow-up. Begin calls.
3. Jennifer working with Michael Rains, NE Research Station to set up session/meeting with SUFC members (looks like May is out according to Rains’ schedule).
4. If interested, mark Vibrant Communities communication presentation (in-person version only) for May 29t, 11 AM, Washington, DC. Save-the-date email forthcoming. In early June, a webinar broadcast version will be offered.
5. FS is fully briefed on needs and asks of the SUFC – and SUFC is already well-placed on the FS list of priorities, but a “light lift” call to endorse SUFC to Paul Ries etc. would not hurt.