



Panel 2 Meeting 1 Summary 12.07.2014

Panel members (in attendance): Randi Roth, Jeni Snyder Alcakovic, Efrat Eichenbaum, Eiden Spilker, Stuart Bear, Aaron Silver, Jodi Saltzman, Jessica Lerman, Jeff Perlman, Re'ema Hava Absey

Panel members (not in attendance): Hayley Bemel,

Staff: David Milavetz, Nora Murphy

Background.

After a brief introduction of the panel members and staff, Randi gave an introduction to the community planning process and reviewed the work done over the past few years. Randi focused largely on this being a St. Paul process and the seven steps that will be taken to get to the recommendations.

Phase one data review.

Following the background portion of the meeting, David reviewed key findings from the listening session data. These include the themes that were learned from the youth, teens, and 20's/30's age brackets such as the importance of having a closely knit, inclusive and caring community, access to Jewish camps and programs for children and a concern on the lack of cohesion within the St. Paul community. It was noted that there were overlapping themes in both the strengths and concerns categories.

At this point in the meeting it was agreed that if the group could go around one more time and explain why they were at the table and what their greatest hope for this process was, as well as setting a date for meeting #2, then we would have achieved success for this meeting.

Two Questions.

As we went around the table, we learned of people's backgrounds and hopes for this process. Several panel members grew up in the Twin Cities and have been active in the community, but others only recently moved to St. Paul. Panel members had a variety of work experiences from education, psychology, research, law and marketing. One of the key points that was discussed was how vital it was to not just plan, but meet young people where they are at. So for example, it is important for the panel to create events that youth and young professionals desire to be at.

Next Meeting.

The panel decided to meet again on Sunday morning, January 11th, 8am at Beth Jacob.