

East 40 Advisory Committee

1 December 2023

Zoom Link: <https://northampton-edu.zoom.us/j/93484556298>

November Minutes

Participants: Kelly Allen, Alex Zuniga, Cindy Vojnovic, Alex Brands, Abby Michelini, Gina Turner, Adam DePaul, Bill Smith, Kegan Hilaire, Rachael Gorchoy, Holly O'Connor, Robin Cunconan-Lahr

Agenda:

- East 40 Classroom Update
 - OPR draft Received from Re:Vision on Tuesday, Kelly and Bill returned comments on Thursday; OPR – (what does this stand for? Couldn't hear him very well) security requirements, power requirements, sewer connection, square footage, building materials
Dec. 6: submit documents to Township
Dec. 13 at 9:30 a.m.: pre-application Zoom meeting with Bethlehem Township (very informal) – Re:Vision will present concept site plan
Building location will be where current temporary classroom/office are
 - Timeline
Dec. 11: Re:Vision will submit materials to Kelly and Bill
Re:Vision will have a preliminary conceptual drawing to share on Dec. 21 at our Winter Solstice event (4-6 p.m.)
Begin construction in summer 2024; building ready for occupancy in January 2025
 - Programming
We want to be ready with programming to optimize the new building; begin focused planning in the spring
- Lenape Conference

Kelly, Adam, Gina, Carol, Alex Z, Brian Alnutt met to begin planning process

This is a Lenape Nation event – the East 40/NCC are the hosts (until it gets too big), work we're doing for the LNP

One day for summer 2024; ramp up to 2-3 day event in future years

Subject-specific format: history, storytelling, craft work, dietary (preliminary)

Start with light breakfast/introductions; morning with 2 panels and break; lunch; afternoon with 2 panels; dinner

Keynote? Do we need – and if so, who; focus on conversation among participants

Clan Mother Ann may be available as a speaker (dietary focus) for one of the meals

Use drummers for welcoming / transitions

- Residencies

For 2023: deadline was the Friday before spring break; announced early February

Rachael will lead the call; Kelly and Carol will supply her with last year's materials/communications plan and items

Should we go for 3 because of construction? Focus for artists needs to be on doing the work at East 40/to be inspired by East 40.

Can the packet list the available resources (kiln, indoor space, etc.) and support services

Recommend: put out call for 2, with possibility of a third (Kelly will ask for funding for third)

Excavation/construction could be a focus of a residency

- East 40 Educational Resources (revisited)

- Revised Mission Statement

Current statement:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qDdbYTRnVsi9InDTwPzE_835VYJT6_etRi22jyTUndE/edit?usp=sharing

Have we grown beyond that? Possible revisions to accurately reflect who we are. Expand beyond "Community Garden."

Revisit values: Holly, Kegan, Cindy, Robin

- Place-based Learning Infographic (Adam's Example)

<https://denverfilm.eventive.org/films/654129088ab79900421d8a77>

To define: what is place-based learning? How to depict "Center for Place-Based Learning" visually.

- East 40 Grant Team
 - Can we launch in Spring? Put together team to have materials ready for applying; Holly
 - East 40 Strategic Plan – can we launch in Spring?
Gina can help with preliminary planning / best practices
Holly: determine where you want to be/when and work backwards to set specific actions – a strategic plan is organic; can align with college's strategic pillars
- Revive composting program
- Winter Solstice
<https://news.northampton.edu/event/winter-solstice-celebration-at-the-east-40/>
fire / s'mores / hot dogs – also unveil first schematic drawings from Re:Vision
- East 40 Cup
 - Is this too much?
 - ?disc-golf classes?, ?games? (Like Moravian, !They could be made by students!)
- Spring Meeting Dates
last Friday of the month for spring – Jan. 26, Feb. 23, March 29, April 26

Questions:

Take aways:

Decisions made:

Do we have a map of the Poetry Walk signs – to check against new building site plans