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Cinco De Mayo community meeting
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These are the typed responses from the notes on May 15th. This is word for word with no further additions or edits. Notes were written by residents, community businesses, and organizations who attended the May 15th meeting.

The Heritage Foundation publicly agreed on the evening of May 15th, to review the conversation discussed & notes taken from the meeting, and have follow up responses by the **end of June 2017**.

Those in attendance included: The Heritage Foundation Chair, Vice Chair, and the current and former Executive Director. Cinco Committee members, the Central District Commander's, Neighborhood house staff, WSCO staff, and community members. We had 26 persons sign in on the registrations sheets. (however there were a higher number of attendees in the space, whose information was not captured)

WSCO's next steps are the following:

- 1- Have the notes sent to the registered attendee's (gather any reactions or responses from those in the meeting space)
- 2- Post these notes on our Web Site
- 3- Follow up in 30 days with the Heritage Foundation on what they see as next steps for the primary asks from community on May 15th, 2017
- 4- Publicly share this response with the attendees of the meeting.
- 5- As themes have emerged, WSCO is interested in co-hosting a follow up Cinco meeting with youth and community partners on the West Side and across the metro.

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Based on phone calls received by the District Council, and from community conversations, we compiled a list of themes that were emerging. These topics / themes were placed along the wall as you entered the space on May 15th and folks were given the opportunity to rank those topics.

*I am most concerned with communications on street closings.

3 Dots

*I am most concerned with communications with Law Enforcement.

9 Dots

*I am most concerned with the parade route & footprint of the festival.

(I would like this to move to Wabasha Street & Plato)

1 Dot

*I am most concerned that the festival lifts up the Mexican Culture

_(cultural food & activities)

11 Dots

*I would most like to see the festival spread out over a few days.

(In smaller celebrations leading up to a parade)

3 Dots

*I would most like to keep the parade in the neighborhood & move the festival To Harriet Island.

9 Dots

***I am most concerned with Issues of Safety.**

(Gun violence & Fights)

21 Dots

***I am most concerned with what happens outside of the festival footprint.**

(Before, During, and After the festival)

10 Dots

***I am most concerned with the youth zones.**

5 Dots

***The festival is working great as is, and I would not change anything.**

2 Dots

Each table was asked to generate ideas & solutions to the comments raised during discussion. These are word for word with no additions.

Table 1.

More youth zones
Get in contact with high schools
No lazy cops
2 family zones (more than 1)
Cinco Committee / City Hall
Less arrests the better

Table 2.

Have the family with the kids
Have IDs to show the cops
Bring back the kids zone rides
The festival all the way down to flats
More Culture dances & music
Talent shows with kids in community
Engage with others community organizations for Cinco planning & attending

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Table 3.

Comprehensive effort / needed will require multiple interventions.
Rules around the parade/ norms.
Parent notification/ responsible adult
Move Footprint
History & community village
More Communication/ planning team
And community.
Who is the team?
Who are the diff. stakeholders/ actors?
Must focus on UNITY not just one Voice
Or Loudest voice from community.
Attack ISSUES, Not YOUTH.
Keep youth in A positive light.

Table 5.

More Communication
Policies / Strategies
Change Community Involvement & placement

Table 4.

More for the youth to do (kid zone)
More paid community marshal's
Paid from all over the city.
DJ's- Don't ban rap music (has very Clear undertones) Learn the history.
Afro-Latino roots
\$Pay your people (volunteers)

Table 6.

Communications / Engagement
Published rules of conduct even if not enforceable.

Table 6.

Police participate in de-escalation
Activities.
Move to River / Harriet
Analyze positives & negatives
City wide outreach for youth workers
More teen & youth activities. (it's hard to
fight if your included)
Parents called if kids riot/ Make consequences
Larger focus on sports
More Kids activities, rides, games
Go to the City to change injunction rules
Stronger partnerships with police
Only come if/ with parents
Hire non-police to break up fights

Table 7.

Enhance Community Marshal
Program.
Move to Harriet Island
If the Community can't police it, and
The police can't police it- Is the
Festival viable?