

## **Partnerships, Education, and Public Events Ad Hoc Subcommittee**

*Subcommittee members will meet to brainstorm programs and activities that the committee could plan and implement, and report back with their recommendations at the February 23<sup>rd</sup> committee meeting.*

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### **Topics of greatest interest (for any of the event types):**

- Homelessness
- Racism/Anti-racism
- Mental Health
- Ethnic & Cultural History of Culver City
- Policing

Other topics of interest:

- Sustainable urban planning
- Gender studies
- Ethnic studies
- Climate change

Note: We would like to explore any topic we address in an intersectional manner. E.g. intersection of mental health with issues of homelessness, racism, sexism, immigration, policing, etc. We must also include young people in all events as much as possible as speakers, storytellers, participants and etc.

**Event Type #1: Storytelling event series**

**Purpose:** Use storytelling as an engaging way for people to talk about difficult subjects.

**Concept/Possible Event Format:** A diverse panel of people will share stories on a given topic. Then panelists debrief with each other about the stories they shared. Then audience members are divided into small groups and share their own stories and debrief around them (modeling what they saw the panelists do).

This type of event can be easily conducted online (using a platform like zoom) or in-person post-covid.

Suggested Timeline: First event May 2021?

**Event Type #2: Speaker Series**

**Concept/purpose:** Bring in expert speakers and panels to educate people about issues and ideas that cannot be effectively/adequately covered in a storytelling format.

To make the speaker series engaging for young people, invite social media activists/influencers, and also feature young people as speakers.

This type of event can be easily conducted online or in-person post-covid.

Suggested Timeline: First event June 2021?

**Event Type #3: City Walking Tours Series**

Concept/purpose: Create an interactive and engaging way for people to learn the history of Culver City, especially the cultural and ethnic history of our city.

Experts in local history lead walking tours of Culver City (post-covid) to highlight, from a historical perspective, issues such as:

- racism,
- presence and persecution/erasure of indigenous people in this area,
- development of Culver City,
- history of various ethnic groups present in Culver City such as Latins,
- art and architecture of the city

Create a booklet that highlights historically interesting sights in Culver City. This booklet can be used as a Culver City walking tour guidebook that can be used by city residents, visitors and schools.

Potential areas to explore:

- History of Carl Parlon
- History of Sunkist Park area - bean fields with Japanese
- Culver City Downtown

Suggested Timeline: First event in Jan 2022?

#### **Event Type #4: Creation of Cultural and Ethnic Historical Markers/Monuments**

Concept/purpose: Create historical markers and monuments throughout the city as a way to preserve and educate city residents and visitors about our cultural and ethnic history.

The series of walking tours of the city, city walking tour guidebook and storytelling events focused on the cultural and ethnic history of Culver City can be used to generate excitement about this idea now/in the short term.

In the longer term, we can research and raise funds to build and install permanent historical markers and monuments.

Potential model: Toronto's historical plaques commemorate key people, places, and events from Toronto's past. <https://www.heritagetoronto.org/what-we-do/plaques>

At some point we'd also love to see a documentary being made about the history of Culver City.

Possibly we can begin the process by filming the walking tours and storytelling events focused on the history of the city.

Suggested Timeline: Research and development ongoing over the next 3-5 years.

### **Event Type #5: Book club**

Concept/purpose: Encourage more in-depth study and discussion on a topic.

#### Suggested books:

-A Queer History of the United States for Young People

**-Enrique's Journey, Sonia Nazario (on the theme of immigration reform)**

-Dear Los Angeles: The City in Diaries and Letters, 1542 to 2018.

-Liberated Threads

-This Bridge Called My Back

-This Changes Everything

-Gay LA

-The Autobiography of Malcolm X

-Equity, Growth, and Community, by Chris Benner and Manuel Pastor

This type of event can be easily conducted online or in-person post-covid.

Suggested Timeline: First event July or August 2021?

### **Event Type #6: Movie screenings**

Concept/purpose: Utilize interest in movie watching to encourage more in-depth study and discussion on a topic.

Specific Movies:

- "White Right: Meeting the Enemy"

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This type of event can be easily conducted online or in-person post-covid.

Suggested Timeline: First event July or August 2021?

### **Event Type #7: Support & Collaborate on already existing programs**

Concept/purpose: To avoid reinventing wheels, support, amplify and collaborate with already existing programming and resources in Culver City and etc.

For example, we can promote/participate in/collaborate with already existing programs in Culver City such as:

- the monthly Race Relay dialogues organized by a Culver City non-profit called Common Peace.
- Collaborate on programming with the Homelessness Committee and/or organizations like Abundant Housing LA & Culver City 4 More Homes.
- Set up informational booths/tables at events like Fiesta La Ballona and the Culver City Car Show
- Participate in and promote existing interfaith programming by IslamiCity & The Guibord Center

Suggested Timeline: First events (that we promote) could be as early as March or April 2021.

### **Event Type #8: Events related to specific holidays/recognized days**

Concept/purpose: Leverage already existing interest in holidays and recognized days to further educate and raise people's awareness of crucial issues and promote equity and positive human relations in our community. We can either organize our own events around the holidays/recognized days (such as storytelling, speaker events, movie screenings, book club, etc.), or simply promote awareness and participation in activities and events being organized by other entities.

Some Holidays/recognized days:

- Cesar Chavez Event
- Persian new year
- Earth Day
- Juneteenth
- Indigenous People's Day
- Ramadan/Eid
- Drum and Mask Festival
- Oktoberfest
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- Diwali
- Chinese New Year
- Jewish New Year
- Cherry Festival
- Women's History Month

Suggested Timeline: First events (that we promote) could be as early as March or April 2021.

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**Some Resource Organizations:**

- Common Peace (for race related dialogues; <http://commonpeace.org/> )
- Repair (for issues around race, disability, & homelessness; <http://repairconnect.org/>)

- Culver City Homelessness Committee
- Abundant Housing LA (<https://abundanthousingla.org/>)
- Culver City 4 More Homes  
(<https://cc4mh.org/?fbclid=IwAR0mRKWwPd2ThfqwxXaomOunEN40ncnG5rzoWbXVYQPxGCQ6h9teSq0jZao>)
- NAMI Westside Los Angeles (for mental health)
- St. Joseph Center (for mental health)
- Culver City Historical Society
- History Departments in local universities such as USC
- <https://www.librosschmibros.org/directors-letter> (a book club resource)

### **People Who Could Help Us:**

- John Kent (for the history of Culver City)
- Old/long-time residents of Culver City (for the history of Culver City)
- People from the City of Glendale to share their process of apologizing for their city's racist history
- Professor who can talk/tell stories about Tongva History
- Someone in CC who can talk/tell stories about Japanese American history in CC area
- Former or current police officers
- Mayor Alex Fisch (for homelessness)
- Ely Saks (for mental health)

- Orrin B. Evans (for mental health)
- Erika Hart (gender/sexuality educator)
- Authors on Anti-racism/other topics