

## CAN Community Council Notes

April 20, 2026, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Zoom Video Conference

**Attendees:** Ara Merjanian, Nancy Gilliam, Patricia Longoria, Sona Shah, Craig McNary, Pamela Garcia, Caroline Reynolds

**CAN Staff:** Raul Alvarez, Jelina Tunstill, Carlos Soto

**Guests:**

<b>Call to Order</b>	The meeting was called to order at 11:40 am. A quorum was present at 11:57 am.
<b>Community Council Chairs's Report</b>	<b>Summary:</b> Sona shared the CAN Process and the Community Council Process. Ara added clarification on the timeline. He pointed out that we will be developing recommendations in June. He suggested creating a shell of the report of what we already have so we can have a working document for people to add to. Sona added that after the event and seeing how it goes, we can figure out presenters based off feedback and energy from this first forum. Patricia added that having the outline of the report can help people start to think about the topic. Jelina added that CAN staff's recommendation is to have a workgroup working on recommendations that can meet in July, when there is no main meeting, if needed.
<b>Social Capital Resource</b>	<b>Summary:</b> Jelina shared links to resources from The Foundation for Social Connection. She stated that those resources would be added to the shared folder for everyone to review.  <b>Comments and Suggestions:</b> Ara suggested a formal review process for the added resources.
<b>Finalize Planning for First Building Community Forum</b>	<b>Summary:</b> Jelina shared the agenda for the BCF forum. She stated that the forum will start with level setting by sharing what has been done so far regarding social capital. Then we would discuss the research we already have and how that led to the development of our framework. We would then explain our framework and use it to guide our conversation. She shared that 23 people are registered and that we have planned a whiteboard activity. Jelina shared the whiteboard and gave navigation instructions for the whiteboard on Zoom. She explained that there is a page on each of the avenues to provide space for participants to brainstorm what is already happening in each avenue and new ideas for connecting in each avenue. She explained the activation groups page is to brainstorm any missing activation groups.  Regarding marketing, Jelina shared how CAN has shared information about the forum and encouraged the Community Council members to share with their networks as well.



	<p><b>Comments and Suggestions:</b> Patricia asked if we intend to create activation groups. Raul explained that workplaces and faith places are often connected in these avenues, but if they aren't, the idea is to brainstorm how could facilitate how they could become connected in these avenues. Sona asked how this would benefit the participants. Raul explained that this is still the brainstorming phase. We don't expect participants to do anything. Raul added that we could leave off the activation groups page for a later date since it is a very different conversation than the first 4. Craig suggested that the CAN CC and Staff create an extensive list broken down by cost, geographic location(s), transportation, etc. and then get feedback on our list asking participants what they would add, change, and explain what is accessible for them. Ara added that we need to make sure we have a solution for people who have technology issues. Sona stated that we can hold off on the activation page until the next session. Ara suggested sending something out ahead of time to make sure people have the documents for themselves and also suggested posting them in chat.</p> <p>Regarding marketing, Ara suggested that Jelina share the registration list and annotated agenda with the group ahead of the forum.</p>
<p><b>Approval of minutes from the February 23, 2026 Meetings</b></p>	<p>The March 23, 2026 minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by Craig and a second by Patricia.</p>
<p><b>Adjourn</b></p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 1:01 pm</p>