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Developing a Citizenship Survey

PSCI 350: Immigration and Citizenship

Growing Up Healthy

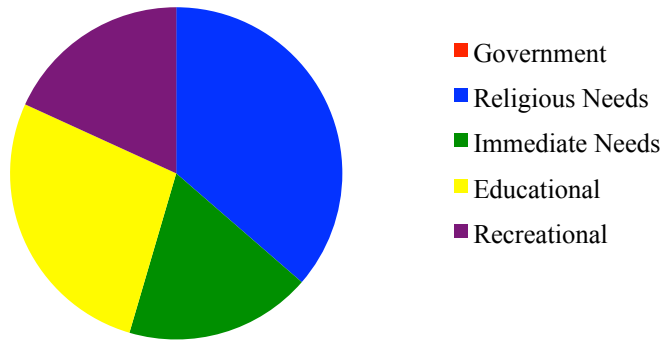ST · OLAF
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Attendance and Purpose

Faribault organizations encourage attendance when the motivation of the attendees matches the event's purpose. When the purpose of the event does not cater to the needs and interests of the community, we see negative effects on attendance.
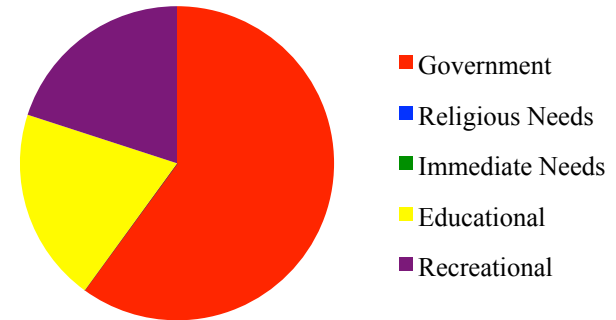
Event Categorization

- <u>Did reach its intended audience:</u> If the demographic specified in the purpose was present.

- <u>Did not reach its intended audience</u>: If an event specified its purpose as reaching a certain demographic which was not present.

- <u>Demographics considered include</u>: Families, parents, the public, age demographics like senior citizens and teens, certain races, speakers of a certain language, those of a specific religion, those of a specific income level, and those with lifestyle commonalities (eBooks, gifted children, general interests).
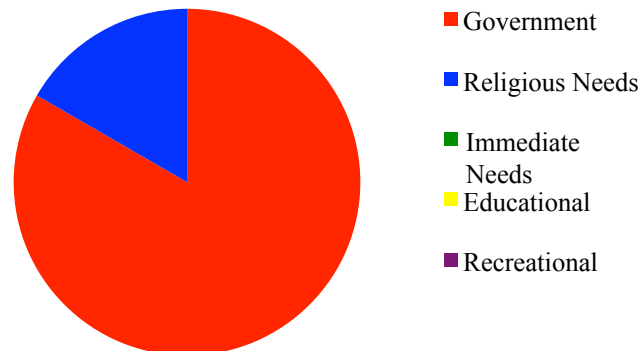
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Events and Their Intended Audience

Intended Audience Reached

- ■ Government
- ■ Religious Needs
- ■ Immediate Needs
- ■ Educational
- ■ Recreational

Intended Audience Not Reached

- ■ Government
- ■ Religious Needs
- ■ Immediate Needs
- ■ Educational
- ■ Recreational

Cancelled Events

- ■ Government
- ■ Religious Needs
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- ■ Recreational

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Example: Spanish Language Service at Divine Mercy Catholic Church

Purpose: To provide worship opportunities for the congregation's   Spanish-speaking members in their own language

Attendance: 400-500

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Example: 10/25 City Council Meeting
Purpose: To inform the public of agenda items
Attendance: Only the few citizens who had direct interest in an agenda item (to the extreme of leaving once their item was covered)

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Example: Community Cathedral Café
Purpose: "To serve the community...on reduced or fixed incomes...place for socialization for elders"
Attendance: 100-125 including elders and lower income community members

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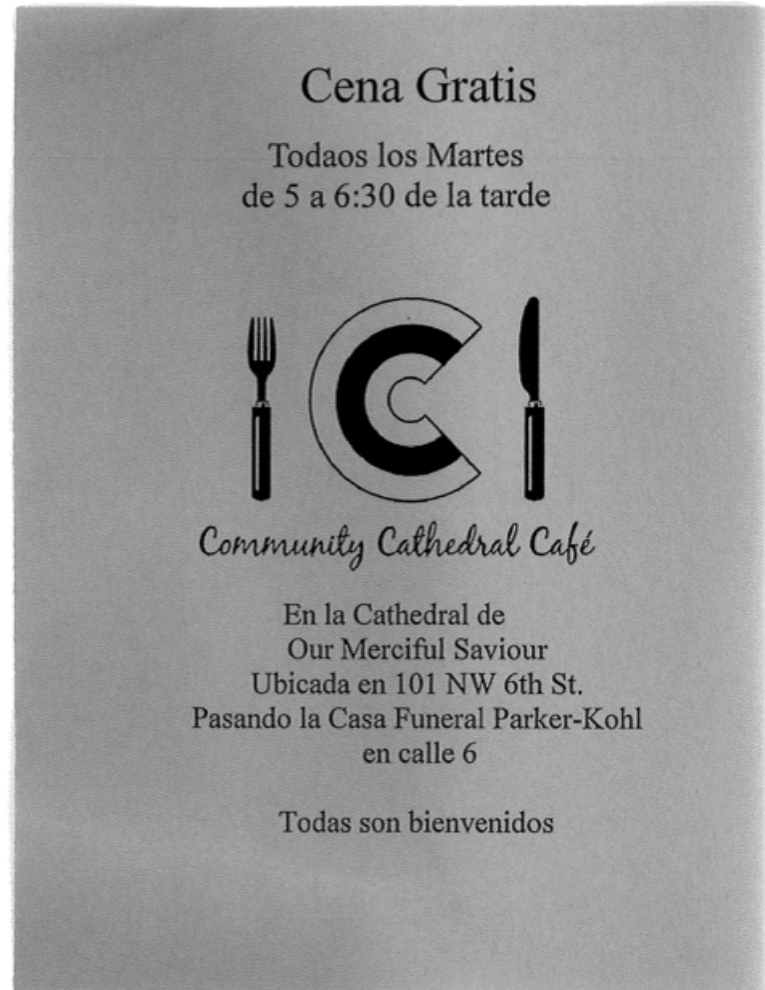
Inclusivity & Accessibility

While there is very little formalized exclusion at public events in Faribault, many of the common practices and materials are not as inclusive as they could be.

- Lack of background information,
- limited non-English language incorporation, and
- assumed knowledge at public events

may hinder the participation and comfort of immigrant community members.

Assumed Knowledge of Process

- The problem of assumed knowledge leads to lower levels of comfort.

Language Barriers

Range of Inclusion

- Levels of inclusion varied among the different types of events.

Faribault
Varsity
Football
Game

City/PTO
Meetings

Open
Skate

**Less
Inclusive**

Cathedral
Café

Library
Story
Time

**More
Inclusive**

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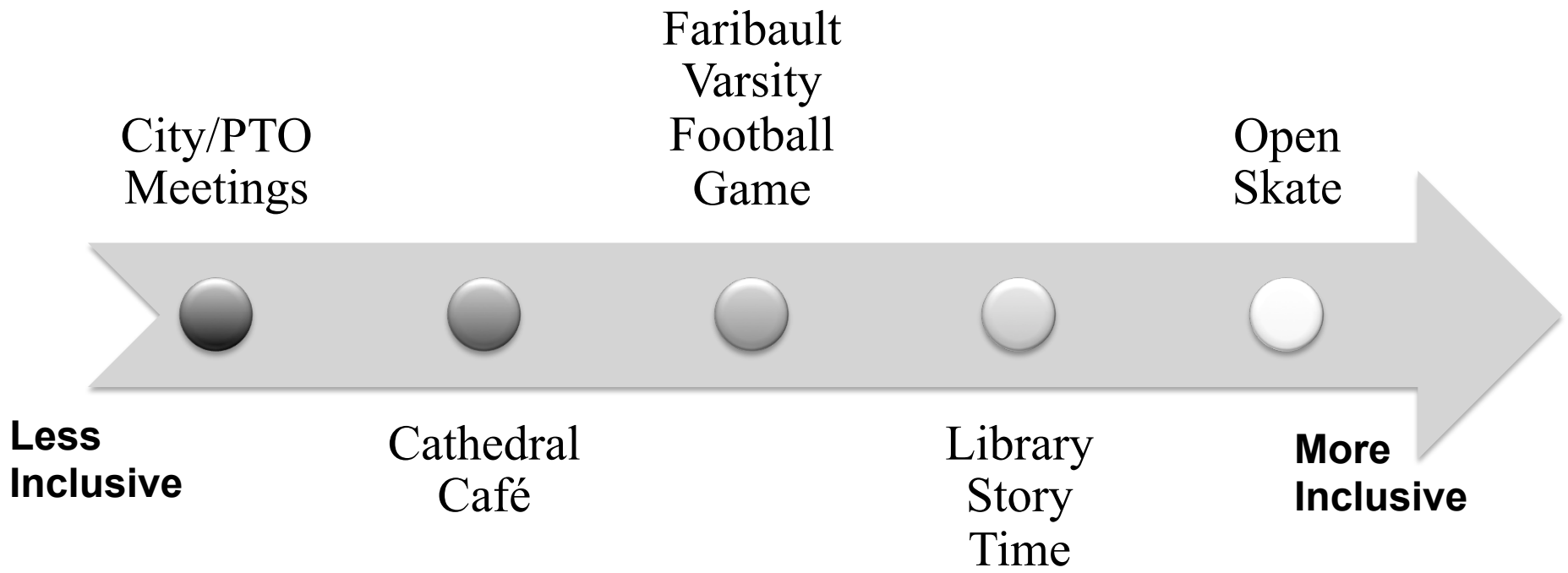
Relationship Building

Rather than observing relationship building, we saw relationships being maintained. Three characteristics of this phenomenon at the events we attended were:

1. a sense of informality,
2. an emphasis on family history and legacy, and
3. the presence of an in-group/out-group dynamic.

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Informality

- Even at formal events such as PTO and City Council meetings some people interacted, dressed, and behaved informally.

- There is not much of a barrier between those who play different roles due to this informality.

Images from http://en.db-city.com/United_States/Minnesota/Rice/Faribault and http://www.flickr.com/photos/selco/sets/ 72157625793124177/detail/

Family History and Legacy

- People take pride in their family history and legacy in Faribault.

- This sense of pride is seen in the interactions and relationships being maintained at public events in Faribault.

In-group/Out-group Dynamic

- We observed a disconnect between the people responsible for the meeting and those attending for the first time.

- There were reactions of surprise and confusion when newcomers attended events.
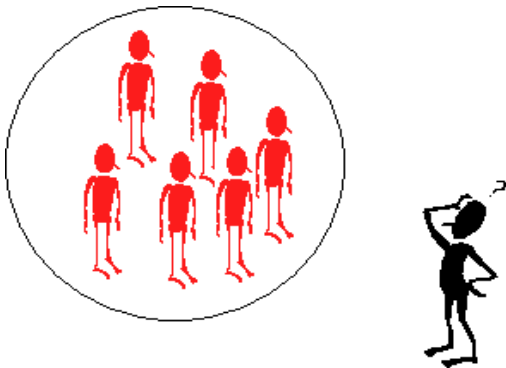
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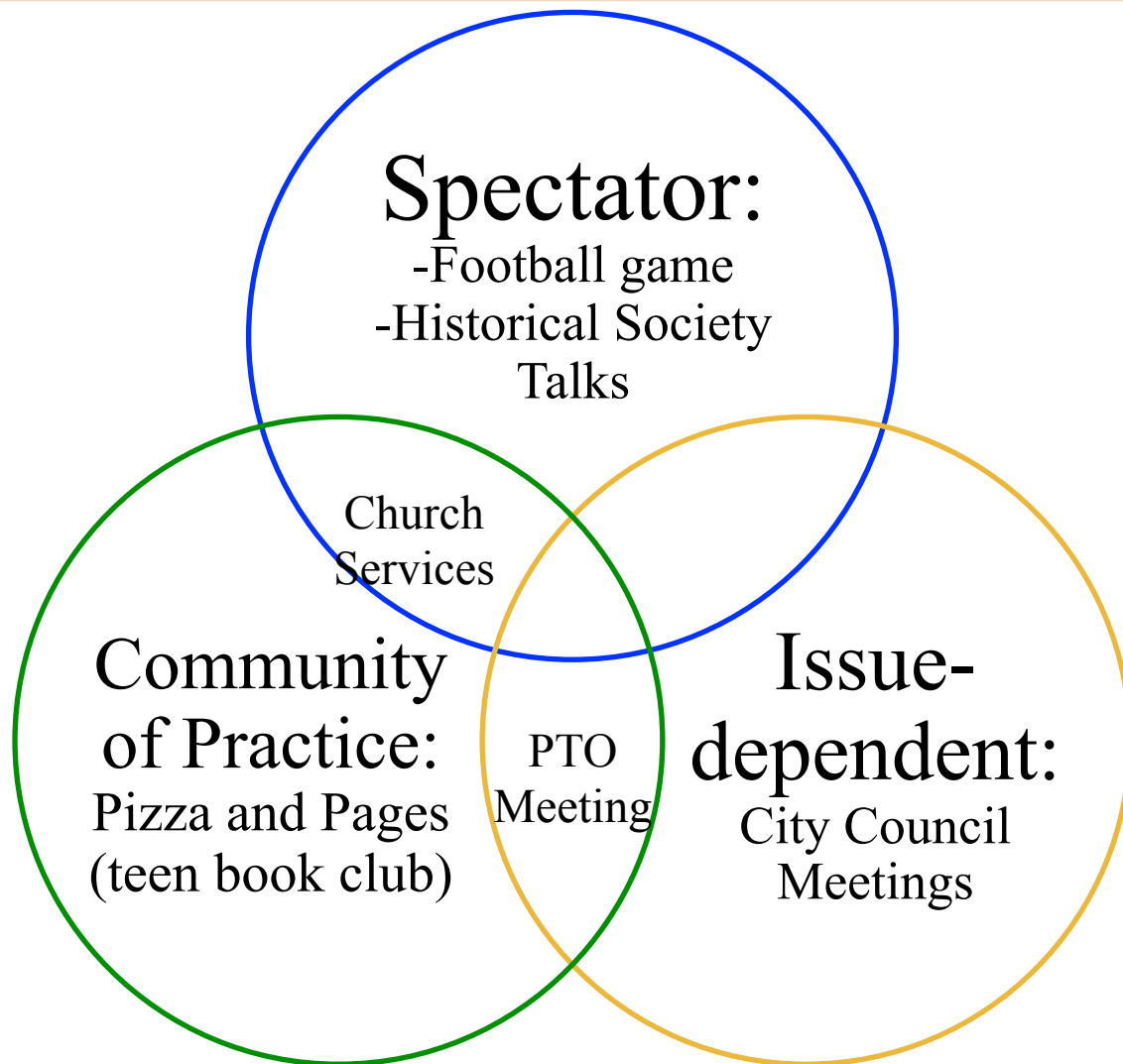
Three main types of participation were observed:

-passive participation in spectator events

-issue-dependent participation in formal events, and

- active participation in communities of practice.

Events reflected both cultural and generational gaps. Barriers to participation included language, unclear proceedings and lack of publicity.

Three Types of Participation

- <u>Spectator:</u> event conveys information or entertains (passive participation)

- <u>Issue-dependent:</u> attendees participate in order to address specific issues (formal participation)

- <u>Communities of practice:</u> sense of collective ownership of event (active participation)

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Three Types of Participation

Spectator:
-Football game
-Historical Society Talks

Church Services

Community of Practice:
Pizza and Pages (teen book club)

PTO Meeting

Issue-dependent:
City Council Meetings

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Gaps in Participation

Generational

- Open Skate

- Factory Tour

Photo: Samantha Bushey, Daily News

Cultural

- PTO Meetings

- Storytime

Photo: http://faribaulthpc.org/civic-school-life/fun-features/

Barriers to Participation

- Luqad
- Unclear or intimidating proceedings
- Lack of publicity/ signage

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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

COUNCIL CHAMBERS   TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2011   7:00 PM

1. A. Call to Order/Roll Call
   B. Waive rule six of the Council Rules of Business and add items 3U., 3V., 3W. to the agenda
   C. Presentation of Proclamation - Lights On After School

2. Approve minutes of October 11, 2011 Regular Council Meeting (majority vote)

3. Routine Business: *Agenda items below are approved by one motion unless a Council member requests separate action. All items approved by majority vote unless noted.*
   A. Approve list of bills to be paid
   B. Approve Application to Conduct Excluded Bingo from Women of the Moose Chapter 1476 for 11/13/2011 and 3/25/2012
   C. Approve Mini Truck Permit for William Breyer
   D. Approve Resolution 2011-194 Levy/Activate Special Assessments for Miscellaneous Concrete (4/7)
   E. Approve Resolution 2011-195 Levy/Activate Special Assessment for SAGE Electrochromics, Inc. Building Permit (4/7)
   F. Approve Hangar Rental Agreements
   G. Approve HealthPartners Voluntary Dental Renewal for 2012
   H. Approve HealthPartners Health Renewal for 2012
   I. Approve Pay Request #8 & Final for 2010 Airport Improvements (4/7)
   J. Approve Pay Request #2 for 2011 Hangar Area Improvements (4/7)
   K. Approve Change Order #1 for 2011 Hangar Area Improvements (4/7)
   L. Approve final payment for Police Training Room Construction
   M. Approve Proposal for Rehabilitation of Neighborhood Stabilization Property at 728 West Division St
   N. Approve Change Order No. 1 Payment Buckham Memorial Library Clock Tower and Balustrades
   O. Approve Payment #2 Buckham Memorial Library HVAC Systems Replacement
   P. Approve General Fund Transfer to Capital Replacement Fund
   Q. Approve Resolution 2011-199 Amending the Community Management Plan as it Relates to Fiscal Policies Section 2 – General Fund Unreserved Designated Fund Balance Position (4/7)
   R. Approve 3-Year Customer Support Agreement and 5-Year Extended Warranty for the Water Reclamation Facility Emergency Generator
   S. Approve Pay Estimate #24 for the Water Reclamation Facility Improvements Project
   T. Approve Letter of Credit Reduction for Lyndale Commons Development
   U. Approve Change Order #1 for 2011 T-Hangar Area Improvements
   V. Approve Pay Request #1 for 2011 T-Hangar Building
   W. Accept Resolution 2011-200 Accept Greater MN Business Development Public Infrastructure Grant (4/7)