



Community Involvement Committee

May 20, 2024 6:00-8:00 pm

Virtual Meeting

Zoom

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REGULAR MEETING Minutes

Attendance:

Present:

Brian Outlaw (Co-Chair), Renai Bell (Co-Chair), Nina Gallo, Pau Thang, Diego Martinez, Quay'Roene Matthews, Brian R, Ann Singer, Jen Mair, Lung Wah Lazum, Jenny Shadley, KellyAnn Cameron (Staff-OCI), Amara Perez (Staff- OCI),
Guests: Chase L, Frank S.

Excused:

Absent: Angel Brophy

Minutes:

(6:00-6:10) Introductions

Brian O. welcomed everyone and started the meeting - he reminded everyone that this is a public meeting. We noted there are 7 or more members available so we have a quorum.

Renai welcomed everyone and asked everyone to share their names, pronouns if you want, and answer the question: what was the first cassette you bought and the first CD?

Renai -

Chase - he/him - TLCs album with don't go chasing waterfalls, Now that's what I call music collection

Amara - she/her - Director of OCI. last CD was from my grandfather which was Frank Sinatra

Thang - He, Him, His pronouns, had used CD before but my mom purchased many CDs in Burmese, including Lung Wah's music, he is famous! I am too young for buying CDs, or MP3 lol. My first purchase of music is an app or Youtube

Diego - extensive CD collection but can't remember what I bought first, maybe Justin Timberlake. Also an extensive record collection and last one was Blood Orange 2020 experience

Jen - she/her/any - first cassette was Michael Jackson Thriller, last CD was Dr John Album

Ann - any pronouns - bought an Elton John greatest hits album when she was 8

Nina - she/they/ella - also had a big CD collection in middle school and really liked Paramour and Blink182, last CD I bought was probably 8th grade and got Drake's Album views. Vinyl I got lemonade by Beyonce.

Quay - she/her - It's her BIRTHDAY!! Michael Jackson was a big one!

Lung Wah - my favorite singer in Burma was my first tape, and he became my teacher too. I don't remember who was my last CD

Frank - he/him - first cassette was ACDC back in black, best of BB King for CD

Brian R - he/him - don't remember the first cassette, first album was Dark side of the Moon as a teenager. Don't remember the last CD but was probably a Grateful Dead Collection.

KA - had some books on tape -

Brian O. - Back on the Block, Gerbalto Jill's greatest hits

Sara R - she/her - Chair's office. We got a bootlegs version on Bon Jovi's slippery when wet when she was younger. Last CD not sure, but got a Michael Frani CD at some point.

KA shared the [agenda](#) in the chat.

Renai introduced Sara Ryan

(6:10-6:30) Guest Speaker: Chair Liaison to the CIC and OCI - Sara Ryan

Sara worked with Amara and her team to look at the recommendations from last year - these were from before the work. [Public Safety Response Letter](#), [Budget Engagement Response Letter](#)

Brian: Last year we did a number of recommendations on engagement in the Budget. For this years budget engagement process, what are you doing differently?

- Sara: I was brought in in December especially to work on budget engagement. I was in D2 and we focused on doing focus groups with different groups that interact with the County. Contractors, businesses, and others. We also did a survey, led by An in the Chair's office, and got over 4,000 responses. It was an interesting exercise - we did a ranking activity where people had to prioritize things within each department budget. These results were then [put in a tableau](#) where we can sort by district, demographics, and others to see how people prioritize things. It was interesting to see how people prioritize shelter beds vs services, other challenges. Now we're doing budget hearings where we have 3 hours of public testimony - 80 people every Wednesday can testify to the impacts of the budget. Sara also talked to people at the end of the night with people who came to testify and they were especially interested in what other people said - to hear all the other people talking about their issues was also impactful and emotional for everyone. The County, the City, the State all have difficult forecasts so it is a really tense and difficult time for people.
 - Jen: Sara - Thank you for reporting back. I am impressed that you were able to garner 4000 responses to the survey to help set budget priorities!
- Amara: One of the priorities for OCI has been the CBAC program, and I want to thank the CIC for helping make this a priority for OCI and the County. It has been helpful or you to prioritize this, uplift things, and work with us this year to implement. We've been taking the CIC and other recommendations to revamp the whole program. A few high level things: we used to only recruit once a year but are shifting to year-round recruitment and onboarding. We're improving the onboarding process from one 2-hour training to making education about the county and budget as a priority of the program- with 32 learning outcomes that will create a foundation for community members to be confident on a CBAC program. We are also working to create feedback loops 3 times a year - where the CBACs will hear from the Chair and our office about impacts. We're also scheduling in Feedback systems from the members so we can be improving things through the years. One other big change is more tracking of attendance and materials - we're adopting Better Impact to help track attendance, vacancies, and reporting across the program. Some of the CBACs feel siloed and disconnected, having one data management tool across them will help us look at the bigger picture. Once we get the CBACs more stabilized we are also looking forward to being more engaged with the budget engagement more broadly - and use these spaces to recruit folks for the CBAC, CIC, and all the other advisory committees!

Sara: We've had the proposed Chair's budget released and now we are hearing about cuts and budget plans in

worksessions. There are two levels of cut this year - the first level is service level cuts because of increasing personnel costs. Then we got the budget forecast and needed to make more cuts. Departments recommended budgets and the chair created a balanced budget. Now we're in the messy stage where commissioners are recommending budget edits

(6:30-7:00) Subcommittee Letter Presentation and Votes

(take notes from facilitation guide)

Infrastructure for Engagement Recommendation Letter:

- Renai: Thang and Jen were co-chairs but since Jen is out and Thang is sick I'll give our report back- Renai shared screen. As you all reviewed, we met with several folks and brainstormed recommendations as a group, Jen and Thang took a first attempt at a letter, then we re-organized it together. Our recommendations include:
 - For commissioners:
 - Updating the Code to reflect what OCI is already doing.
 - Increase OCI capacity to do the things they need to do
 - Committing financial resources to OCI/engagement activities - this is hard in a budget constraint environment but is critical to run advisory committees.
 - For OCI
 - Clearly articulating the mission/vision/purpose of OCI, CIC and other engagement work. Clarify the roles and duties.
 - Develop community engagement standards and best practices across committees.
 - Develop a standardized framework for engagement
 - Evaluation metric - standardize how we're measuring engagement.
 - Trainings and resources for engagement staff
 - Strong communication challenges and tools: centralized information hub, more reporting tools, feedback loops, Annual periodic evaluations
- Vote with fist to 5:
 - All 5s in the Chat: Quay, Nina, Renai, Ann, Lung Wah, Brian O., Brian R., Diego, Thang

Brian: how likely do you think it is that these will be implemented?

- Amara: I think it's positive, the letters from the Chair are positive and reflect some real changes and impacts that happened from the CIC last year- we have a lot of allies in the Board and Chair to keep working on past letters as well as the new ones.
 - Renai: related, we talked a lot in our group around how to remind the BOCC and Chair in an effective way of past recommendations while also bringing up the new ones, especially with so many new chairs. We did think about Brian R. sharing some about the feedback and follow ups, and reminding them of past things. Does that make sense?
 - Amara: I think that is a great idea! And very helpful for new folks. Another important thing is that the OCI is focusing on feedback loops and implementing feedback practices across the county - you all have brought that up many times and it is a weakness in the
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advisory committee programs. I think those things make it a smart way of opening up the presentation.

- Quay: Sounds good to me as well. I know we ALL did the best of OUR ABILITIES. I agree though
- Renai: not calling out, calling in.

Engagement in Recovery Recommendation Letter:

- Nina shared back since Quay is sick, and shared her screen - you all saw the findings and observations. We saw a lot of departments and programs with very small staff, stigma was a persistent barrier, and peer programs were really functional. We have the following recommendations - I watched an octopus movie the other night where they say 'we can only love what we understand and we can only understand what we're taught' which resonated with me around a lot of our recommendations in education.
 - Recommendations:
 - 1. Community education and destigmatization to change perceptions and break down barriers to empathy and support in the community.
 - 2. Create more opportunities for most impacted people to share their voice and be engaged. Conducting in-person meetings with clients, responders and frontline staff to be sure their voices are heard. We also discussed the College to County process for students and what it could look like to have short term paid internships for non-students, reducing barriers, opening more volunteership and professional development for people with lived experience. Incentives are important which can be hard with the budget but it's still important to name costs that could improve community engagement and volunteership on this issue.
 - Lower barriers to engagement for addiction and recovery impacted community members - best practices that can lower barriers. Also supporting all the advisory boards in addressing this topic and recruiting/retaining folks with lived experience. Also connecting Boards with each other to amplify and support the lived experience and topic-specific boards.
 - Quay: it is critical to have lived experience on these advisory Boards because we need to know what people are going to. FOlks with Lived experience need more support sometimes in getting involved. We need everyone to come together to address this - it's a war out there and we brought recommendations about what we need to address this issue. I'd love to know from the Board and Chair what they're going to do with this info and when they'll start. This is important to me because I almost lost my life out there, but today I can care for my grandchildren because I am clean, because there was a program there. We need to make sure everyone has a fair chance to make it - I just watched someone die on the street and we need help on the streets.
 - Ann: to add - those of us at the one with Officer Steven Ciccotelli - who self identified as someone in recovery - he mentioned that there are a lot of over-educated but under-informed people trying to help.
 - Quay: the training! That is in our recommendations as well. For example I took a class a Miracles which was amazing. They also have job training, they're a great example of good work happening in the community. I think my next job would be to find out more how they do it. We need their minds and creative work together to come up with creative solutions to the problems.

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- Thang: Just wondering in your research, do you find recovery support for teenagers between 12-18? Or any prevention program? I am asking because I know those who need these services in middle and high school, who start using drugs and things like that.
 - Jenny: I don't think we came across anything but it's that thing again where youth are so underserved and not well understood. Like all things that would have been a good aspect to talk about.
 - Ann: I have a list of organizations that work on that for youth if you'd like me to send them.
 - Thang: I'm curious if the County has any services specifically
 - Ann: 4-D recovery, NAFY, P;ear.
 - Brian O.: Can you send those to the group?

Vote: approve as official CIC recommendations - All 5s in the Chat: Quay, Nina, Renai, Ann, Lung Wah, Brian O., Brian R., Diego, Thang

Break

(7:05-7:20) New Member Appointments

- [Membership Memo](#)

KA: thank you to all the Membership subcommittee members who reviewed applicants and interviewed folks - (NAMES)

Shout out to the leaving members Lung Wah and Brian O - who we will also be celebrating over the summer social.

Comments from selecting committee

Renai shared she and Quay are now part of the dinosaurs starting their second year!

Nina - shout out to those who reviewed the application and went to interviews, welcome to the new people; encouraging to new people; excited to have new people

Quay - welcome welcome, last year I didn't have a clue; wishing the two leaving well

Jenny - welcome everyone; so sad to see Brian and Lung Wah leaving

Vote- fist to 5 to approve new members: all 5s Quay, Nina, Renai, Ann, Lung Wah, Brian O., Brian R., Diego, Thang

(7:20-7:40) Public Comment & reflections

Brian O asked if there is any public comment. Did any nominees want to share.

- Chase: thank you all for the important work you do and I'm excited to learn more about each of you and join you this fall!
- David: Logged in at the perfect time! Thank you for the welcome, looking forward to meeting you all at the next meeting/summer social 😊

Brian R: CIC City of Portland Update

- Not a lot of big updates, it's going through a change that is still under discussion. The City also has a CIC but it runs very differently - large scale 25 year projects go through their CIC, and these projects have to have a community engagement component and that is what gets heard at the CIC.
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- Renai: do you think you'll do another 3 year term?
 - Brian R.: I think I won't (Renai - better find us an insider!) Brian R - I'll share when I know more but it may be vastly different.

Renai: Jen and I are both on CBACs and on the Central CBAC. Candidly, it's a lot of work to figure out how to share feedback of all the CBACs, also being newer in that space it's a lot of processes to figure out. Maybe Amara has other updates?

- Amara: This year the CCBAC the focus is new this year - focused on improvements. Typically the CCBAC identifies underlying issues in all the CBACs which has it's own challenges as you can imagine. I think this year will also be very interesting.
- Jenny: I wonder if we could partner with other cities or jurisdictions where people are doing it well - it's systemic in my job too and we're at a point where we want to know how to do it better. It could be interesting to research it outside ourselves.
- Amara: yes it could be so interesting to see what other folks are doing when advising on Budgets - who is doing that and how??
- Jenny: At my job I'm on the budget committee and we're just revamping the process but it's a nightmare, so complicated.
- Brian R.: Last year we proposed a participatory budgeting pilot and heard from Participatory budgeting Oregon and there was no interest in even discussing it in the County. It was very interesting and very negative. It seemed like people thought it was too big of a change and they weren't going to change it. Broadly participatory budgeting is where a % of the budget is left open for the public to decide what it is spent on.
 - Jenny: usually the county would come up with 3 things and people would vote between them.
 - Brian R. - it;s conceptually like if you could decide what your taxes are going to be spent on. Federally it would be amazing to see but it is more possible locally, still very challenging.
 - Amara: in my experience using participatory models is the challenge is the structure - it's a goal and a sample to strive for. FOr example I love the way you all run these meetings - CBACs aren't run this way, they're run by staff. We can start here with advisory committees but even there we have a long way to go. It will take time but it is helpful to articulate goals, what some baby steps could be, and see that.
 - Brian R.: we proposed a pilot project
 - Renai: this also circles back to the infrastructure recommendations!

Brian O.: any reflections on the CIC process, any news or updates we haven't covered yet?

- Renai: just more appreciation for Brian O. and Lung Wah!

(7:40-8:00) Closing

Zoom transcript:

You 6:02 PM

Agenda: https://multco.us/file/05.20.25_cic_agenda.pdf/download

Pau Thang to Everyone 6:03 PM

Hi all, I am still coughing and sick. I will be here but will be closing my camera. Thanks for understanding

You to Everyone 6:06 PM

Ice breaker: name, pronouns if you want, and answer to the question: what was the last cassette tape you bought and the first CD you bought (or similar)?

Renai Bell to Everyone 6:08 PM

My grandpa IRONED with Sinatra playing in the background!! :P

Pau Thang to Everyone 6:08 PM

Thang, He, Him, His pronouns, had used CD before but my mom purchase it. I am too young for buying CDs, or MP3 lol. My first purchase of music is an app or Youtube

Renai Bell to Everyone 6:09 PM

Cry me a river?

Renai Bell to Everyone 6:18 PM

Andrew Lloyd weber, right??

You to Everyone 6:20 PM

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Amara Pérez to Everyone 6:20 PM

Always a great question!

Brian O. He/Him to Everyone 6:20 PM

Great ice breaker Renai!

You to Everyone 6:21 PM

Our guests will have to request access, but the letters are here:

Public Safety Recommendation Response:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LuP7HW5u3GlrVQgsEyQxxBfm8v6KzvIA/view?usp=drive_link

Budget Engagement Response:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aZMYBpoK3eTKxBaD_4ymYops-bILFSA5/view?usp=drive_link

Jen Mair she/her to Everyone 6:26 PM

Sara - Thank you for reporting back. I am impressed that you were able to garner 4000 responses to the survey to help set budget priorities!

Sara Ryan she/hers (Chair's Office) to Everyone 6:26 PM

<https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/multnomah.county.budget/viz/FY2026ChairBudgetPrioritiesSurvey/FY2026ResponseRankings>

You to Everyone 6:30 PM

and the CIC used it for the application this year!

Jen Mair she/her to Everyone 6:31 PM

All, unfortunately I have to leave at 6:35. Bummed to miss the rest of this meeting, but I'll see you at the next one.

Amara Pérez to Everyone 6:33 PM

Mark your calendar - OCI will be participating in our Budget Worksession with the Board on Wed, May 28 at 11:15am on Multco Youtube channel.

QuayRoenel to You (direct message) 6:35 PM

I'm listening I have one of the kids in the tub

QuayRoenel to Everyone 6:37 PM

Please speak for me. Thank you

You to Everyone 6:36 PM (Edited)

Infrastructure Recommendation letter (guests have to request) :

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_XgcTvA4Zkyip_ClhYu3-3F_DRuz4pcP/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=103435619739402596170&rtpof=true&sd=true

You 6:37 PM

Just made it so Steven and Chase should be able to view, if you want to!

Chase L. He/Him 6:38 PM

Thank you!

QuayRoenel to Everyone 6:40 PM

I know have 2 of my grandchildren in my care.....I m listening getting the m ready for bed. Just wanted everyone to understand my partial participation. Thank you in advance. Ages 2 & 5 that should explain it 😊

Pau Thang to Everyone 6:42 PM

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diego martinez to Everyone 6:43 PM

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Brian Romer to Everyone 6:43 PM

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Brian O. He/Him to Everyone 6:43 PM

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Lung Wah to Everyone 6:43 PM

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Ann Singer (any pronoun) to Everyone 6:43 PM

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Renai Bell to Everyone 6:43 PM

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nina gallo to Everyone 6:43 PM

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QuayRoeneI to Everyone 6:44 PM

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QuayRoeneI to You (direct message) 6:44 PM

I sent the first one to Nina... 🙄

Renai Bell to You (direct message) 6:45 PM

Is frank a new member and I missed that for being late??

Renai Bell to You (direct message) 6:46 PM

So excited to not be the newest!! :)

QuayRoeneI to You (direct message) 6:48 PM

Sounds good to me as well. I know we ALL did the best of OUR ABILITIES.

QuayRoeneI to Everyone 6:49 PM

I agree though

Renai Bell to Everyone 6:49 PM

Not calling out, calling in. ❤️

You to Everyone 6:50 PM

Recovery Engagement Letter:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SCofOmA8921GVI9ymE329Z1nUhw_Hw7NbHSXC4-yxZA/edit?tab=t.0

Pau Thang to Everyone 7:00 PM

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You to Everyone 7:02 PM

Steven Ciccotelli

Programs Unit Manager, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office

And that is all in the recommendations!

You to Everyone 7:04 PM

Welcome Jenny - we're just reviewing the Recovery Letter: Recovery Engagement Letter:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SCofOmA8921GVI9ymE329Z1nUhw_Hw7NbHSXC4-yxZA/edit?tab=t.0

You to Everyone 7:04 PM

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You to Everyone 7:07 PM (Edited)

Could be a potential topic for next year - a deep dive on services for youth (or other specific groups), and how youth are engaged in the services/policies

Ann Singer (any pronoun) to Everyone 7:09 PM

4D Recovery, New Avenues for Youth, P:ear,

You to Everyone 7:09 PM (Edited)

I can also look into it @Pau Thang and send you some - I suspect many of the non-profits receive county funding, and some county school health clinics also provide services

You to Brian O. He/Him (direct message) 7:10 PM

You're doing great!

bringing it back in

Lung Wah to Everyone 7:10 PM

SBHC has mental health consultants

You to Everyone 7:10 PM

Vote to approve here:

QuayRoene1 to Everyone 7:10 PM

I'm ready to vote

Pau Thang to Everyone 7:10 PM

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Jenny Shadley to Everyone 7:11 PM

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Lung Wah to Everyone 7:11 PM

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Brian O. He/Him to Everyone 7:11 PM

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diego martinez to Everyone 7:11 PM

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Renai Bell to Everyone 7:11 PM

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nina gallo to Everyone 7:11 PM

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Jenny Shadley to Everyone 7:11 PM

Thank you Nina!!

Brian Romer to Everyone 7:11 PM

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Ann Singer (any pronoun) to Everyone 7:11 PM

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QuayRoenel to Everyone 7:11 PM

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Frank Stevens to Everyone 7:12 PM

Thanks for letting me jump in on your meeting today, have to head to another meeting, all the best. Peace.

QuayRoenel to You (direct message) 7:20 PM

Your 🤗

QuayRoenel to Everyone 7:21 PM

Yes yes yes

Yesss

Brian O. He/Him to Everyone 7:23 PM



Lung Wah to Everyone 7:25 PM

Thank you

Jenny Shadley to Everyone 7:26 PM

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Lung Wah to Everyone 7:26 PM

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Brian O. He/Him to Everyone 7:26 PM

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nina gallo to Everyone 7:26 PM

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diego martinez to Everyone 7:26 PM

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QuayRoeneI to Everyone 7:26 PM

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Pau Thang to Everyone 7:26 PM

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Brian Romer to Everyone 7:26 PM

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Renai Bell to Everyone 7:26 PM

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Ann Singer (any pronoun) to Everyone 7:26 PM

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QuayRoeneI to Everyone 7:26 PM

I get really excited pushing that #5

Pau Thang to Everyone 7:27 PM

yes

David Hoang to Everyone 7:27 PM

Logged in at the perfect time! Thank you for the welcome, looking forward to meeting you all at the next meeting/summer social 😊

Renai Bell to Everyone 7:32 PM

CBAC = community budget advisory committee for new folks. Each dept has one, and others too. :)

You to Everyone 7:37 PM

glittery filled potholes? not no

Renai Bell to Everyone 7:37 PM

Glitter-holes

You 7:38 PM

move over, airport carpet, we're getting fancy again

Jenny Shadley to Everyone 7:40 PM
<https://www.pboregon.org/> Participatory Budgeting Oregon

You to Everyone 7:40 PM
past CIC recommendations here: <https://multco.us/info/cic-recommendations>

diego martinez to Everyone 7:44 PM
July

Renai Bell to Everyone 7:44 PM
Either!

Ann Singer (any pronoun) to Everyone 7:44 PM
June

Brian O. He/Him to Everyone 7:44 PM
Early to mid june (12th works for us!)

nina gallo to Everyone 7:44 PM
June after finals 6/14

Pau Thang to Everyone 7:44 PM
july

Amara Pérez to Everyone 7:44 PM
June 12 is budget adoption

Ann Singer (any pronoun) to Everyone 7:44 PM
June/early July

Brian O. He/Him to Everyone 7:44 PM
June 19/20 should work for us I think too

Jenny Shadley to Everyone 7:45 PM
either

Lung Wah to Everyone 7:45 PM
both

nina gallo to Everyone 7:45 PM
I think weekend! Happy hour sounds fun too

Renai Bell to Everyone 7:45 PM

Any, with enough notice!

Pau Thang to Everyone 7:45 PM
either

Lung Wah to Everyone 7:47 PM
Happy Birthday Quay

Brian O. He/Him to Everyone 7:47 PM
Happy Birthday!

Chase L. He/Him 7:47 PM
Have a great rest of your spring, everyone!
