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March 15, 2022 6:00-8:00 pm

Google Meet

MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

In Attendance: Richard Barker, Sasha Burchuk, Desiree' DuBoise, Ilima Nitta, Patrick Nolen, Kimberléa Ruffu, Jenny Shadley, Kristina Edmunson, Michelle Costa, Malcolm Hoover

Excused: Amanda Squiemphen-Yazzie, Kien Truong, Angel Brophy & Pau Thang

Staff: Olivia Kilgore & Dani Bernstein

Guests: Erika Molina Rodriguez (Youth Development Coordinator, MYC), Brain Romer, Scott Strickland, Stephanie Phillips, Tara Mussulman, Ta'Neshia Renee, Lung Wah Lazum

Agenda Item	Action Item
<p>Introductions, Group Agreements, Approve Minutes & Review Agenda Olivia provided a quick tutorial of Google Meet.</p> <p>Olivia welcomed committee members and guests to the meeting. Olivia invited the CIC applicants to introduce themselves and share their names, pronouns and why they joined the meeting tonight.</p> <p>Richard read aloud the CIC's group agreements. Desiree' shared that the agreement they want to focus on is celebrating accomplishments.</p> <p>Olivia asked CIC members to introduce themselves with their names, pronouns, how long they have been on the CIC, and their favorite thing to do during the summer.</p> <p>CIC members approved the January meeting minutes by consensus.</p> <p>Olivia reviewed the meeting agenda.</p>	
<p>Learning Topic: Youth Civic Engagement and the Multnomah Youth Commission (MYC) <i>Erika Molina Rodriguez, Youth Development Coordinator - MYC</i></p>	

Erika is the Youth Development Coordinator for the Multnomah Youth Commission (MYC).

The commission is in the middle of recruitment season and is currently recruiting for the new cohort. Normally during recruitment, youth commissioners talk with other youth in the community about applying.

Erika was on the youth commission and shared her experience. A core value is around authentically engaging youth, and that youth are the only ones who know what it's like to be a youth right now.

The youth commissioner tries to recruit youth that may not see themselves as a leader right now. They look for youth who want to make a change or may not know how to do that, and who want to be part of a group to learn about the county, city and community engagement.

The commission is the official youth policy body for the City of Portland and Multnomah County. Each jurisdiction provides one staff person for the MYC. MYCers are 13-21 and the only requirements are that they live, work or go to school in Multnomah County. Their biggest group right now is high school aged. Youth commissioners are interested in recruiting more middle school youth and youth who are 18-21 and out of school.

The commission is made up of a diverse group of youth. Recruiting youth that have been historically disenfranchised through local government and policy-making is a core value of the Commission.

MYC does their work in three different subcommittees - education/youth voice, sustainable transportation, and preventing violence among youth. The work is youth driven and they decide the issues they want to work on. For example, they're working to address chronic absenteeism by advocating for later school start times. The commission also worked on the youth pass program for public transit, and are working to expand the access to free transit to all of the youth in the region, in all three counties.

There are typically 42 youth on the commission, but currently there are 30 due to COVID. The group writes policy recommendations, starting with MYCers taking the lead, gathering community input, hosting policy forums and going out to schools and groups. Another core value of the commission is youth-adult partnership - youth and adults working together on important issues. Part of Erika's role is doing trainings with departments in the County on what it means to authentically work with youth on campaigns and issues.

The Education/Voice committee also worked on elections and getting more youth voice around electoral work, providing information for youth in the community about

who is running or organizing candidate forums for youth. During COVID, they did some social media awareness around the election season.

On Youth Against Violence, the MYC received funding from the Oregon Community Foundation to distribute mini-grants in the community for groups to do their own anti-violence initiatives. The group also works closely around issues of juvenile detention and how to get to zero youth in detention. They have been hosting listening sessions with youth around how to do this.

The commission has also been working with the Health Department on sexual and dating violence. Youth on the commission have identified that there isn't any clear way to report when sexual harassment happens in school. There are barriers to reporting and knowing what to do. They've also been working on making the sexual health curriculum more youth friendly.

In the past year, the commission worked closely with the Emergency Operations Center youth liaison around the COVID pandemic and providing youth voice around the response.

Youth will often apply to serve for multiple years, and they can take on leadership opportunities like serving as a co-chair.

This year, applications are due on April 18th. Everyone who submits an application gets interviewed.

They try to remove barriers to participation and are exploring providing stipends. Currently, they provide monthly bus passes for youth and food at every meeting.

While the commission is a policy body, it's also a leadership opportunity. They grow and learn together, and it's an avenue for input on issues the youth want to see changed.

Jenny asked how the youth experience has changed from when Erika served on the commission? Erika said there are a lot of issues they're examining are similar. In her time, sexual harassment was a big issue, but how it's talked about looks different now, especially with social media. The 'isms' are still there, but it may show up differently or there are added layers, or youth are focusing more on the intersections between issues.

Erika said they are fortunate to be consistently funded. When Erika was on the commission, some electeds weren't sure they wanted to fund it.

Desiree' asked for more examples about specific activities that have been done recently - like with transit, was there lobbying work? Or what did the work with the Health Department look like? Erika shared that a few weeks ago, they hosted a

<p>virtual roundtable discussion with youth around what judges need to know before they remove a youth from their homes. There were in depth conversations with youth and families to learn more about that. They're having another round table conversation in April, and then hoping it contributes to the work around zero youth detention.</p> <p>The MYC can't work on ballot measures, but did work to get the regional transit pass on the ballot and then were hands off. They did the background work, testified at Metro and Trimet meetings, worked behind the scenes with partners like OPAL, the Youth Environmental Justice Alliance. So typical MYC activities look like anything from organizing and going to talk with youth schools, to meeting with the transit director. The youth are in all of the spaces. For example they met with officials to learn about the real cost of a transit pass. So their work looks different based on what they're doing. Their goal is that youth are the ones writing the email, meeting with the leaders in the community, and staff are supporting them and working with the adults, so the space is open to youth. And when it's not, staff give feedback to the adults to make it a better space for youth.</p> <p>Kimberlea asked where MYC gets its funding, and if Erika feels like there are enough staff and resources to support the work?</p> <p>Erika said the commission is funded by Multnomah County and the City of Portland. The county provides one FTE, and they've also been able to hire some part time program support, but haven't been able to make that a permanent position. Two years ago, they got approval for .25 FTE in addition to 1 FTE from the City. They do need additional staff support to continue to grow and expand their work.</p> <p>Malcolm expressed his gratitude for the work.</p>	
<p>Subcommittee Updates</p> <p>Dani invited subcommittees to provide updates.</p> <p>Richard shared for the Immigrant & Refugee Engagement Subcommittee– they have been meeting with County commissioners to get an idea of issues and problems they have identified around engaging with and welcoming immigrants and refugees. There are a lot of different programs serving immigrants and refugees underway in different areas of the County. Commissioners aren't directly coordinating the programs but were able to share the needs and concerns they see in their districts. The subcommittee will be working on its recommendations in the coming meetings.</p> <p>Sasha shared for the Extreme Weather Subcommittee— In the last meeting, the group met with the staff in the Health Department and the Office of Sustainability to learn more about what they're doing to help weatherize homes and provide resources for people to shelter in place. They heard that the County is continuing to</p>	

monitor changing weather patterns and identifying ways to respond on an operationalized level. The subcommittee is getting ready to begin drafting its recommendations. The County is in the process of updating its five year Hazards Mitigation Plan. The subcommittee will also be meeting with staff in the Joint Office of Homeless Services to learn more about emergency warming/cooling shelters.

For the membership subcommittee, Olivia shared that we just finished our round of CIC recruitment and we will have four vacancies to fill for next year. They expressed gratitude to members who are currently scoring applications. Olivia will reach out to people who offered to help with interviews. By next meeting, interviews will be completed and the membership subcommittee will make a recommendation for new members to appoint.

Extreme Weather Subcommittee: Background & Process Recommendation Mapping Activity

Olivia shared that the committee will be doing a small group activity to help provide the Extreme Weather Events Subcommittee with input they can incorporate into the recommendation letter.

Olivia shared the two questions for the breakout rooms:

- How have extreme weather events impacted you and the communities you are a part of?
- What do you think is important for the County to consider when thinking about community outreach in preparation for an extreme weather event?

Olivia reviewed how to use the jamboard.

Olivia asked members to take a few minutes to think about the discussion questions.

Olivia invited meeting guests to stay in the main room during break out rooms if they had any questions about the CIC, or to leave the meeting if needed.

Olivia split members into breakout rooms to discuss their responses to the prompts.

Olivia asked if any members would like to share their response to the prompts.

Michelle shared that she had infants during the gorge fires and extreme winter weather, and that raised her awareness around the difficulties of being a parent during those emergencies. She found that the neighborhood response really helped, and her neighborhood has tried to build resilience. Malcolm mentioned that deepening relationships with community members is one of the farm's goals as well, so they can serve as a resource for community members during severe weather.

<p>Sasha shared that California has built neighborhood capacity through Community Emergency Response block parties - groups similar to the City of Portland's NET volunteer program. Sasha shared that her own NET group has struggled with centering equity and inclusion.</p> <p>Michelle added that Gresham has a program where you can get a block party mobile and graffiti removal kits, and Portland has similar programs - those things can really help connect communities.</p> <p>Kimberléa has recently seen messages from Governor Brown encouraging people to get prepared for emergencies and create emergency supply kits. She thinks the messaging is important, but wonders about people who are struggling to pay for things— how would they buy what's needed for a supply kit or know what to get? She wondered if there are any grants or resources available, in addition to the messaging.</p> <p>Malcolm also thinks that the County could do a better job supporting community infrastructure, so it's not just on individuals. The community can support one another in knowing who has different resources, which can help develop a net of local community resilience.</p> <p>Kimberléa also shared the example of the work Unite Oregon is doing in East Portland. They are building community resilience hubs to provide those types of resources.</p>	
<p>Updates to CIC Bylaws</p> <p>Dani shared the updated changes to the CIC bylaws to make them more operationally relevant for the committee.</p> <p>There was a change to the quorum requirement to adjust with the number of people that are currently on the committee at a given time. Staff also updated the bylaws to address the current environment, allowing for in person or virtual meetings.</p> <p>Amendments to the CIC Bylaws were approved by consensus.</p>	
<p>Closing</p> <p>Dani appreciated everyone who joined the meeting, especially with the recent time change.</p> <p>The next CIC meeting is Tuesday, May 17th.</p>	

Google Chat Record:

Sasha Burchuk 7:02 PM

Thanks!

Patrick Nolen 7:02 PM

Thank you, Sasha, you did great

Desiree' Jane 7:02 PM

Agreed!

Sasha Burchuk 7:02 PM

OMG sorry Desiree for missing you, I must really be tired!!

Desiree' Jane 7:02 PM

No worries it's finals week!

Michelle Costa 7:04 PM



Patrick Nolen 7:04 PM

sorry for having such problems with my laptop. I am moving over the next month. when that is done I will probably put effort into reformatting the hard drive and seeing where that goes

Olivia Kilgore 7:08 PM

I shared a Jam file with the meeting:

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Ilima Nitta 7:10 PM

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Michelle Costa 7:10 PM



Ta'Neshia Renae 7:10 PM



Patrick Nolen 7:10 PM

here

Scott Strickland 7:10 PM

hello

Kimberlea Ruffu 7:10 PM

hey y'all

Stephanie Urban League of PDX 7:10 PM

hi

Malcolm Hoover 7:10 PM

here off camrra

Lung Wah Lazum 7:10 PM

Hello im back and sorry about my camera I'm at funeral services

Desiree' Jane 7:11 PM

Here

Olivia Kilgore 7:11 PM

1. How have extreme weather events impacted you and the communities you are a part of?

2. What do you think is important for the County to consider when thinking about community outreach in preparation for an extreme weather event?

Malcolm Hoover7:35 PM

Ilima, I just looked it up and I learned that it's okay to say "A'ole pilikia" !

Ilima Nitta7:35 PM

hehe :)

Sasha Burchuk7:36 PM

Michelle what is that cyclist group called?

I know in California they've built neighborhood capacity through CERT block parties...maybe if the pandemic truly winds down we can get back to that?

Patrick Nolen7:38 PM

Community Emergency Response Team

Patrick Nolen7:41 PM

I have a supply kit that my friend's son and I made from a CDC website... a Zombie Preparedness Kit

Sasha Burchuk7:41 PM

A lot of people I have talked to don't have a place to store 2 weeks of supplies either

Michelle Kosta7:42 PM

Exactly! The expense part is a place the county can probably support better. And actually have to sign off folks. Great to see you all.

Sasha Burchuk7:42 PM

And caching supplies as well

Kimberlea Ruffu7:42 PM

YES!
