



Community Involvement Committee



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March 21, 2023 6:00-9:00 pm

Zoom

MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

In Attendance: Richard Barker (facilitator, Co-Chair), Pau Thang (Co-Chair), Lung Wah Lazum, Brian Outlaw, Patrick Nolen, Ta' Neshia Renae, Kimberléa Ruffu, Jenny Shadley, Angel Brophy, Sasha Burchuk, Kristina Edmunson

Excused:

Absent: Malcolm Hoover

Staff: KellyAnn Cameron (notes), JR Lilly, Lakeitha Elliott

Agenda Item

Introductions & Review Agenda

Richard welcomed everyone and shared the goals for this meeting: working with the Chair's office, learn their direction and priorities, and set the standard for the relationship going forward. Everyone is introduced with names, pronouns, favorite spring color and what it means to you.

Richard led the group through the meeting agreements and the group arrived using first to five.

Richard reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

Guest Speaker and Brainstorm: Lakeitha Elliott (Chair's office) - updates/priorities from the Chair and what the CIC wants from their relationship with the new Chair

Richard invited Lakeitha to invite herself, she uses she/her pronouns and is the community engagement and policy advisor for the Chair's office, she is 3 months into the role.

Richard asked Lakeitha what the Chair's goals are for the coming year, and any ideas she has for the CIC. Lakeitha shared they are deep into budgeting right now- a lot of the COVID money is ramping down so we are looking at what we learned during covid, what programs need to stay, where we need to stop spending money, and that has been our focus for these first three months. It's been a big learning curve, but we have been looking at a lot of work involvement opportunities, youth violence prevention, and housing efforts. Those are major meetings. Lakeitha is bringing youth involvement to every meeting she has and asking all the County folks about how youth are involved, and she is interested in pushing for what the Youth Subcommittee asked for about a deeper review on how youth are engaged in the County and if young people feel like their

engagement matters. JR is also working on stipends for these policies. The Chair is likely to be able to come in after the budget process, in May or June, to engage deeper in the CIC and other committees. She wants to encourage folks to connect to the SUN service system, they are interested in connecting with you all, and she also had a good connection with the Library about their youth engagement work and what the rest of the County can learn from their work.

Richard added that one of the groups is working on houseless issues, and he heard about the Housing Multnomah Now effort. Lakeitha said they have approved it so work is starting there- a lot of city, state, and County effort and money is going to getting people housed. She shared that if folks in the CIC want to testify that would be helpful, since they hear a lot from people who don't want shelters in their neighborhood etc and need more voices in support, so will send along information about when those budget hearings are happening. Richard asked if Lakeitha has ideas of how Chair JVP likes to be communicated with- a presentation, written, informal conversation etc. Lakeitha responded that she likes more informal conversations, sit down and have lunch like they are doing with Street Roots. She often wants to listen to folks first and then make a decision based on what she is hearing from people in informal conversations. A presentation for all the commissioners is good too but those informal conversations are great. Lakeitha added that her being a commissioner before is helpful but there is a deep learning curve with the differences between the role of chair v commissioner especially related to the budget and decisions coming down to her. They could also come give the CIC an overview of the budget process if that would be helpful, and the results of that.

Kimberlea asked a clarifying question about the presentation- Richard responded that every year the subcommittees go before the BOCC and present their recommendations on the Subcommittee work. Just the Chairs of the Subcommittee historically present the recommendations. KA also added she can share recordings of those meetings, and the group can decide how that goes. Thang asked about past recommendations, and if Lakeitha had heard anything about past recommendations and how they are in place or not. Lakeitha hasn't heard anything specifically. KA added that this is a good thing for the next part of the conversation with brainstorming the role of the CIC and Chair- that they update the CIC with updates. Richard shared a hope to meet with the Chair soon and get more info about their priorities for the next fiscal year.

KA shared with the group JR's update about the Chair asking the CIC what THEY want from HER, and that the CIC has the opportunity to set the tone for their relationship with her. KA introduced Jamboard as a brainstorm tool and encouraged everyone to write anything that comes to mind, did a quick tutorial, and asked everyone to add to the jamboard for 5-7 minutes.

See attached Jamboard - CIC members added their thoughts, then grouped them by theme and added brief descriptions of the themes.

They did a presentation on how the budget works and also an overview of community engagement in the County. Patrick asked if the CIC's input is too late for the budget. Lakeitha said it is finalized and voted on it June. Lakeitha added the [budget proposals in the chat](#). People are invited to submit things as a committee, subcommittee, or individually.

The group reviewed the Jamboard. KA will meet with CO-Chairs Richard and Thang, as well as JR, to refine this into a list of asks and relationship framing for the Chair.

10min Break - KA paused the recording for the break and unfortunately forgot to restart it, so the second half isn't recorded. Apologies!

Reports from Subcommittees

Ta' Neshia shared that the [Youth subcommittee](#) - they are moving along with forming recommendations, they have met with a lot of people and got a lot of information. They are meeting with Raf soon to narrow down what they can do.

Sasha (she/her) shared an update from the [housing subcommittee](#) - The housing committee is also working on recommendations and have met with Emergency Management, Multnomah Idea Lab (like a County think tank that is out of DCHS and studies poverty and race), Sheriff's Office, and PSU researchers and Denis Theaurat in Communications. We have not been able to meet with JOHS but we are getting some good information and look forward to presenting preliminary recs to everyone soon!

KA shared about the [Membership Subcommittee](#): Lung Wah, Richard, and Patrick worked on the materials for recruitment- thank you! Vote on minor changes to selection criteria in [Policies & Procedures](#) - the group discussed the change of moving the points assigned to "The applicant has experience as a client of Multnomah County's programs and services" from one point to 2. Patrick shared he moved to change it due to wanting to prioritize and lift up people who have direct experience receiving services. Jenny clarified that this point would be for receiving/participating in services, not for providing services as staff or volunteers. Thang raised a concern that this would deprioritize those who do not receive County services due to barriers to access, and he would not be comfortable changing the number but could be convinced. Richard added that with 1 point is it essentially yes/no- do they have experience as a client. With 2 points there can be 1 point for any experience (such as using the library, kids in SUN schools) and 2 points for a lot of experience (enrolled in a housing program, deeply involved, etc). Angel added agreement with Richard and that it is out of many points so not a huge change. Thang ultimately decided to block the change for now pending further review next year.

After discussion the group did a first to 5, Thang was not in consensus so the change did not pass. JR explained to the group in a consensus model, if there is one block then they group does not go forward. KA reminded the group that there will be a deeper review of this in the next year when the CIC reviews its policies and procedures.

KA asked the group to please share the [Page](#) and [Fliers](#) We are recruiting for 4 spots and currently have 6 applications. Last year the final number of applicants was 17, so we can likely meet that goal if we keep recruiting this week and next! Please let me know if you plan to leave the CIC after this year! Districts in order of need: 3 1 4 2

KA will share the [Timeline](#) - please remind KA if you want to join in the application review or interview stages! KA will send everything out in the reminder email as well.

Next year: policies and procedures subcommittee incl outreach policies and procedures

Public Comment: No public comment

Closing

Richard reviewed the next meeting time on May 16th! Everyone said that still works/

Richard asked if anyone has community updates from community groups, nobody had community updates.

Kimberlea added appreciation in the chat. Angel thanked folks for putting in work for them membership process and other outside meetings. Richard thanked Patrick and Thang for trusting the group with your opinions and thoughts, and hope everyone can keep maintaining this space where we trust each other and work things out.

KA shared about the possibility of an in person get together in June, and folks were interested.

Everyone shared appreciation for Richard's facilitation!

Agreements Final Draft:**Community Agreements FY23**

- Acknowledge intent, address impact
- Listen to understand
- What is said here stays, what is learned here leaves
- Think intentionally about what you want to say before sharing
- Speak from your own experience and prioritize using "I" statements
- Consider earned/unearned privileges that inform lived experiences
- Be willing to make mistakes and be accountable for missteps
- Move up, move back - elevate your participation, elevate your reflection
- Accept and make space for different participation levels and styles
- Take breaks and prioritize what you need to be fully present
- Celebrate everyone's accomplishments

Meeting Expectations

- Come to meetings prepared to participate
 - Please let the Committee know if you will not be able to attend CIC meetings (it is assumed that Committee members will attend meetings unless they say otherwise).
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JAMBOARD

How do you envision the Chair's office and CIC working together? What do you want the relationship to look like?



Zoom Transcript:

- 18:17:14 From Community Involvement : JR will be here soon, he is running late!
- 18:18:14 From Ta' Neshia Renae` to Community Involvement(Direct Message) : I am going to have to leave now, my son just sent a text that it was over at 6:30. I was going to update the committee by letting them know that we are narrowing down our recommendations. We have gotten a lot of information from several sources and feel good about our recommendations being actionable.
- 18:18:39 From Ta' Neshia Renae` to Community Involvement(Direct Message) : Going to stay logged on because it should only take me 15 minutes to get home.
- 18:19:36 From Community Involvement to Ta' Neshia Renae`(Direct Message) : Great! Drive safe!
- 18:23:23 From Sasha Burchuk : It's often the subcommittee chairs :)
- 18:23:36 From Community Involvement : June
- 18:23:42 From Community Involvement : Usually early June
- 18:23:52 From Pau Thang : I did that last year
- 18:29:59 From Community Involvement :
- <https://jamboard.google.com/d/1BEOzfVEofRVzVFobPgxyoUX-2HdlwAYTWhC1GjzGKoE/viewer?f=0>
- 18:33:06 From Patrick Nolen to Community Involvement(Direct Message) : I want to have a feedback about past words and about how things will change with current recommendations

18:33:31 From Community Involvement to Patrick Nolen(Direct Message) : Reacted to "I want to have a fee..." with 👍

18:52:42 From Patrick Nolen : Am I wrongly worried that our input is after the budget is already decided?

18:55:53 From Lakeitha Elliott :

<https://www.multco.us/budget/fy-2024-department-submitted-budgets>

19:07:37 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/they) : Yes, transparency, accountability - thanks JR!
