

## Minutes of the

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

#### Committee Members Present:

Johnson, Chamblis, Ferguson, Barber, Cummings, Atlas-Ingebretson, Lilligren, Zeran, Lindstrom, Vento, Fredson, Lee, Sterner, Wulff

#### Committee Members Absent:

Muse, Gonzalez

#### CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Slawik called the regular meeting of the Council's Committee of the Whole to order at 4:03 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5, 2019.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

The agenda was moved by Vento, seconded by Barber to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

The minutes was moved by Cummings, seconded by Lee to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2019 regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole. Motion carried.

#### INFORMATION

1. Information Item: Thrive MSP 2040 Background and Overview.

Libby Starling and Dan Marckel gave a presentation on Thrive MSP 2040 background and overview, outreach and engagement, the five outcomes: Stewardship, Prosperity, Equity, Livability and Sustainability, three principles: Integration, Collaboration, Accountability and how to navigate the Thrive document. Council Members received a copy of Thrive MSP 2040.

Council Members had questions and comments regarding the expectations of Thrive, long-term forecast, trends and growth. There was discussion around demographics and equity in the comprehensive plan template and to continue the work to advance equity.

2. Information Item: Equal Opportunity: Light Rail Transit and Council Equity Overview.

Cyrenthia Jordan gave an introduction and overview of the Office of Equal Opportunity.

Tracy Jackson gave a presentation on the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Implementation, focusing on SWLRT, DBE contract compliance and the goals on SWLRT construction contracts, workforce support, and outreach. There's a new DBE & Workforce Advisory Committee co-chaired by Metropolitan Council and Minnesota Department of Human Rights. The committee started May 16, 2019 and advises the Metropolitan Council on issues related to DBE and workforce participation during the construction of the rail line.

Mitzi Kennedy gave a presentation and overview on the Equity Implementation Unit, Programs and Coordination. She talked about the Metropolitan Council Equity Policy and provided a handout, the work groups, the history of the equity programming from 2014-2019, equity systems change citations and change model that includes: Institutional Commitment, Theory of Change, Achievement of Racial Equity, Workforce Equity, Community/Public Engagement, Data and Metrics, Implementation Standards.

Council Members had questions and comments regarding the criteria to get into the DBE program, the compliance and monitoring the companies and the

difference between small business and workforce. There was also discussion on the Equity Framework and how to move forward to make it a policy.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Liz Sund  
Recording Secretary