

## Minutes of the

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

#### Committee Members Present:

Johnson, Chamblis, Barber, Cummings, Lilligren, Muse, Zeran, Lindstrom, Vento, Gonzalez, Lee, Fredson, Sterner

#### Committee Members Absent:

Ferguson, Atlas-Ingebretson, Wulff, Chair Slawik

#### CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Vice Committee Chair Cummings called to order the regular meeting of the Council's Committee of the Whole at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 6, 2019.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

The minutes were moved by Barber, seconded by Muse to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2019 regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole. **Motion carried.**

#### INFORMATION

1. Information Item: Younger Leaders Design Studio Report-Out (Pahoua Hoffman, Citizens League, 651-289-1071)

The Younger Leaders Design Team visited the Committee of the Whole to share their research and recommendations. Pahoua Yang Hoffman, Executive Director of the Citizens League, and Jess Roberts, University of Minnesota Design Center, provided background information on the project. The Younger Leaders Vision Project is designed to introduce young leaders to the regional planning process. The four goals of the process are to: 1. learn more about the comprehensive planning process and issues affecting our community; 2. better understand the roles of key stakeholders in the planning process; 3. build a capacity for articulating a vision for the future and building momentum around it; and 4. learn about potential careers in business, non-profit, government and policy. This was a pilot project funded in part by the McKnight foundation; the Younger Leaders each gave their report-outs to McKnight. The final report will also be available publicly on the Citizens League website.

Five of the ten younger leaders shared their projects. D'Andre Gordon focused on affordable housing; Neese Parker discussed the "C Line Experience," (redesign of the C Line); Essence Blakemore spoke about how to mobilize the community; Ava Kalenze focused on sustainability and resiliency; and Jake Yang studied comprehensive planning and homeless and low-income individuals with a focus on tiny homes. Council Members had questions and comments for each presenter including specific questions about each project as well as broader questions for each individual. Council Members also asked each younger leader what they had learned about themselves in the process.

Council Members suggested sending a letter to McKnight in support of future Younger Leaders Vision Projects.

2. Information Item: Community Development Research and Place-Based Equity (Krysten Ryba-Tures 651-602-1821; Matt Schroeder 651-602-1513)

This item was moved to the December 11 Council meeting due to time constraints.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Bridget Toskey  
Recording Secretary