

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Committee Members Present:

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

Committee Members Absent:

Gonzalez

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Zelle called the regular meeting of the Council's Committee of the Whole to order at 4:01 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 2020 on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 16 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Gonzalez

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Sterner, seconded by Lindstrom to approve the agenda. **Motion carried** on the following roll call:

Aye: 16 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Gonzalez

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Cummings, seconded by Barber to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2020 regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole. **Motion carried** on the following roll call:

Aye: 16 Atlas-Ingebretson, Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Sterner, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 Gonzalez

INFORMATION

1. Disparities people with disabilities face in society (David Fenley, Minnesota Council on Disability and Chair of TAAC, 651-587-3899 and Ken Rodgers, TAAC Member)

David Fenley and Ken Rodgers had a conversation with council members about disparities people with disabilities face in society. They asked, each Council Member to state their district and what they would like to learn from this discussion. They discussed how this is complex work and all resources should be used, the difference between equality and equity, building awareness and get different perspectives, provided examples of times they've had issues with policies in the past, what the Council can do to serve all constituents, inclusion, and Connect 700 program.

Council members expressed gratitude for the conversation and information shared. They had comments and questions around accessible virtual meeting platforms, improvements and changes the Council can make, challenges COVID imposed on people with disabilities, request to revisit Metro Mobility Task Force and continue the conversation at TAAC and Transportation Committee level.

Messages from WebEx chat:

From David Fenley to everyone:

He meant Stoller policy not wheelchair policy.

from Lynnea Atlas-Ingebretson to everyone:

Chair I have one thing

from David Fenley to everyone:

Prevalence of disability varies across racial and ethnic groups and is widespread: The 2010 U.S. Census reported that 22.2% of African Americans, 14.5% of Asians, 17.8% of Hispanics, and 17.6% of non-Hispanic whites have a disability

from Lynnea Atlas-Ingebretson to everyone:

Infographic: Adults with Disabilities: Ethnicity and Race | CDC

<https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/disabilityandhealth/materials/infographic-disabilities-ethnicity-race.html>

from David Fenley to everyone:

Do we share requested info with Liz Sund?

from Wendy Wulff to everyone:

That would work. Thanks

2. Equity Strategy Framework (Mitzi Kennedy, Manager of Equity Implementation Unit)

Mitzi Kennedy gave an overview of the equity strategy framework including highlights and next steps.

Council Members had comments and questions regarding strategy, internal workplan, implementation, timeline, next steps and request for dashboard with key indicators and timelines. Communications department is reviewing the internal summary and a dashboard will be available this coming year.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Liz Sund
Recording Secretary