

# Minutes of the Equity Advisory Committee

## MEETING OF THE EQUITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 6, 2021

### CALL TO ORDER

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Equity Advisory Committee Meeting was held virtually, via Webex and livestreamed via the Metropolitan Council website. Committee Co-chair Gonzalez called the meeting of the Council's Equity Advisory Committee to order at 6:00 p.m.

### ROLL CALL (verbal)

**Committee Members Present:** Leah Goldstein Moses, Francisco Gonzalez, Chai Lee, Edward McDonald, Juliana Miller, Breanne Rothstein

**Committee Members Excused:**

**Committee Members Absent:** Lanise Block, Michael Luseni, Tie Oei, Phillip Sterner, Sarah Rudolf, Mohamed Sheikh, Anita Urvina Davis, Nelima Sitati Munene, Nicholas Jenkins

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION INVITATION

- There were no public requests to speak at the October 19, 2021 meeting.

### ELECTRIC VEHICLE STUDY

- Presentation by Tony Fisher from Transportation Planning and Allison Bell from Bellwether Consulting
- Purpose of Electric Vehicle (EV) Study is to explore benefits; Climate change mitigation and public health benefits
- Study is to discover technical background and landscape, prioritize strategy
- Burdens discovered; BIPOC Minnesotans disproportionately impacted emissions, EV users predominantly white, male, middle/upper income, urban, charging inadequate to serve BIPOC communities
- Benefits discovered; Reduces greenhouse gasses and improved air quality, Reduced maintenance and operating costs, Billions of dollars will be invested in coming years.
- 68 million for EV charging to be allocated to MN from Federal Infrastructure bill and other legislation
- EV will not close disparities
- Study Focused on BIPOC, PWD, Women, Low Income, Rural, Undocumented Immigrants
- How: Through Natural Literature review, Local Interviews, and summary memo. Best practices brought to Twin Cities for local relevance.
- Planning and Research; with Met Council planner and City planners
- Charging Infrastructure; Affordable Housing residents and developers,
- Public Burdens; Workforce development non-profits, trial representation
- Access and Use; Hourcar, Metro Mobility
- Community and Engagement; Neighborhood organizations, community organizers
- Questions asked by; CM Gonzales, McDonald, Miller, Goldstein Moses

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES (verbal)

- Quorum not established

### EAC WORKPLAN AND DISCUSSION

- Goldstein Moses leads with three question

- What accomplishments from the EAC are you proud of in 2021?
- What would you like to see us prioritize in 2022?
- What do you need as an EAC member to be successful with those 2022 priorities?
- Reflection and sharing by all present committee members
- Discussion on BIPOC acronym led by McDonald. Wished to end the use of BIPOC in 2022
- Council Member Gonzalez Updates
  - Engaging Regional Administrator and Chair to discuss business structure and workings of the EAC on ways to improve communication effectiveness
  - Regarding Councilmembers role in EAC and requesting to fill open vacancy
  - How can councilmembers be used more wisely in conveying advice from EAC to Council and Council to EAC
  - Conducting Interviews for EAC open seats in December
  - Recommended slate will go to council in December

## **SUBCOMMITTEE AND COMMITTEE UPDATES**

### **Housing Sub-committee;**

- Working on scheduling meeting with staff regarding LHIA
- Identified priorities; 1) Convene a session on Federal housing dollars coming through federal appropriations. 2) Engage at the beginning of the housing policy plan update.
- Future interview date November 4, 2021 3) HRA section 8 voucher mobility program review
- Council Members will vote on recommended applicants in December

### **Operations Sub-committee;**

- Met twice since last meeting
- Working with CM Gonzalez to bring Audit to council chair and regional administrator later this month
- McDonald corrected name and purpose of audit; not an equity audit it is an administration audit

### **Operations Committee;**

- Management; Budget amended to include 40 million from Ramsey County for purple line
- Quarterly MCUB Update; Q2-1.9 million commitment Q3-2.5 million commitment, total increase from Q2 to Q3 is 34%
  - 21% to construction and 3.5% to goods and services

### **CDC Committee;**

- New Pilot with HUD; Metropolitan Council is one of nine communities in country to participate
  - Will service over 17,000 families over five years
  - Set to start 2022-2028
  - Discussed process scoring for LCA and LCDA; changes to make to criteria explicitly calling out policy
  - Rothstein shared interest in reviewing amendments

## **ADJOURNMENT**

- Co-chair Leah Goldstein Moses called for meeting adjournment.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Lila Eltawely  
Recording Secretary