

# Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

## Committee Members Present:

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

## Committee Members Absent:

Ferguson, Gonzalez, Sterner

## 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 4:02 p.m. on Wednesday, September 2, 2020 on the following roll call vote:

Aye: 13 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Fredson, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Ferguson, Gonzalez, Sterner

Not Recorded: 1 Atlas-Ingebretson

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Vento to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2020 regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole. **Motion carried** on the following roll call:

Aye: 13 Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Fredson, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Ferguson, Gonzalez, Sterner

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## INFORMATION

1. Rethinking Areas of Concentrated Poverty (Krysten Ryba-Tures, Research Manager, Matt Schroeder, Researcher)

Krysten Ryba-Tures, Research Manager in Community Development, and Matt Schroeder, Researcher in Community Development, gave a recap of the 'Rethinking Areas of Concentrated Poverty' project and findings. Areas of Concentrated Poverty (ACPs) are census tracts where at least 40% of residents have incomes below 185% of the federal poverty threshold. An ACP subset is where the majority of residents are people of color. This work was initiated by the 2014 Fair Housing and Equity Assessment, which is required of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grantees. This is a specific analyses

of residential segregation patterns and regional opportunity and fair housing issues. It was informed by community organizations, advocates and regional stakeholders. After discussions with the Council, the Equity Advisory Committee and other stakeholders, researchers reached conclusions and reflected on the results. Their response will include publishing data to support a shift in regional narratives, undertaking research that reflects all voices and considering the longer-term influence of the research. They have also added Areas of Concentrated Affluence, historical data on racial discrimination, historical data on racial discrimination, disaggregated data by race and ethnicity, and housing and transportation data. By December of 2020 they will also be adding demographic data, development and landscape data, and federal designations. The research will no longer identify ACP subsets where 50% residents are people of color.

Council Members had questions and comments about how this data can be used strategically and as a part of the strategic plan, historical systemic racism, and the ability to project shifts in the data from societal impacts. Council members also had questions about the elderly, individuals under the age of 18, and those who are experiencing homelessness.

Comments from Webex chat:

From Matt Schroeder to everyone:

Here is a link to the StoryMap that Krysten just mentioned:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/e61c8e0e54e24485b956601fdc80b63e>

From CM Johnson to everyone:

FYI - The Minneapolis Area Association of REALTORS is hosting a webinar and I signed up. Class: A Reckoning with Race: The Mapping Prejudice Project

Date: 9/9/2020 1:00 PM

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From Matt Schroeder to everyone:

Here is a link to the Minnesota Compass project's summary of data on cultural communities that CM Atlas-Ingebretson is discussing: <http://www.mncompass.org/demographics/cultural-communities/overview>

## 2. Network Next and Arterial BRT Plan Update (Charles Carlson, Director, BRT Projects, Katie Roth, Assistant Director)

Katie Roth, Assistant Director, BRT Projects, and Charles Carlson, Director, BRT Projects gave an update on Network Next and the Arterial BRT Plan. Network Next is a 20-year vision for the future of the Metro Transit bus network. It is focused on improving and expanding the existing bus network. It is organized around incremental investment and implementation. The core principles are to 1. advance equity and reduce regional racial disparities, 2. build on success to grow ridership, 3. design a network that supports a transit-oriented lifestyle, and 4. ensure the long-term sustainable growth of the bus network. Current engagement steps include identifying about 20 potential corridors for arterial BRT implementation, as well as conducting screening to identify about 10 most promising arterial BRT candidate corridors to advance.

Council Members had comments and questions about the data used and how it is presented in the research. Council Members also had questions and comments about several individual routes and their inclusion or lack of in future BRT plans.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Bridget Toskey  
Recording Secretary