

Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

Committee Members Present:

Barber, Chamblis, Cummings, Ferguson, Fredson, Gonzalez, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Vento, Wulff, Zeran, Chair Zelle

Committee Members Absent:

Atlas-Ingebretson, Muse, 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 4:03 p.m. on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 on the following roll call vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Atlas-Ingebretson, Muse, Sterner

Not Recorded: 1 Ferguson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Cummings to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2020 regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole. **Motion carried** on the following roll call:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 Atlas-Ingebretson, Muse, Sterner

Not Recorded: 1 Lindstrom

INFORMATION

1. Continuation of Initial 2050 Regional Planning Discussion – Remaining Questions from January 20 Discussion (Michelle Fure, 651-602-1545; Sara Maaske, 651-602-1588)

Michelle Fure, Manager of Public Involvement, and Sara Maaske, Outreach Coordinator, returned to the Council to continue the initial 2050 regional planning discussion from the January 20 meeting of the Committee of the Whole. Fure shared that this discussion was based on a mentimeter survey that was sent to Council members in January. The January 20 meeting covered the first two questions; the goals of this discussion were to answer the three remaining questions. The outcomes desired were a high-level understanding of the regional planning process and timeline; to listen to Council member expectations and

interests; to provide time for discussion about policymaking goals; and to plan for future conversation and work to guide the regional plan process.

Council members had comments about the initial meeting discussion around stewardship, and the similarity of the terms “finite resources” and “scarcity,” as well as the addition of measurement and follow-up on the goals and strategies. Council members discussed the three questions with Maaske taking notes on paper. The first question was “What questions are we not asking ourselves about the long-range future of the region?” Council members discussed several topics including leadership, data disaggregation, and the Council relationship with the community and external partners. They also highlighted the partnership practices of following, listening and co-creating. The second question was “What are the unique opportunities the Metropolitan Council has to create distinction, leadership, and trust in the region?” Council members had comments including establishing structured conversations with cities and townships for 360-degree feedback, recognizing that the long-term work of past Councils affects the dashboards in use today, and asking the right questions. Council members also discussed the idea of “fail fast and fail often” with regard to taking risks and pivoting as needed. Council members also discussed unsheltered homelessness and specifically unsheltered homelessness among veterans. The third question was “What part should you play in leading the Metropolitan Development Guide?” Council members had comments and discussion that included having more involvement in legislative action to provide more support for our goals and impact, convening partners of local governments and smaller communities, and connecting with other organizations with goals that align with the Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Bridget Toskey
Recording Secretary