

## Minutes of the

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Wednesday, March 19, 2014

#### Committee Members Present:

Haigh, Rodriguez, Schreiber, Munt, Van Eyll, Elkins, Cunningham, Brimeyer, Duininck, McCarthy, Kramer, Chavez, Wulff

#### CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Haigh called the regular meeting of the Council's Committee of the Whole to order at 4:11p.m. on Wednesday, March 19, 2014.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Duininck, seconded by Elkins to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

It was moved by Chavez, seconded by Van Eyll to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2014 regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole. Motion carried.

#### THRIVE MSP 2040

Overview of Choice, Place and Opportunity: An Equity Assessment of the Twin Cities Region (formerly known as the Fair Housing and Equity Assessment)—Beth Reetz and Libby Starling

This report is the culmination of 18 months of work by Council Research staff and meets the requirement of HUD's \$5 million Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant. It is divided into ten sections: Regional Disparities, Poverty Trends, Racial Trends, Place-based Dynamics of Racial Disparities, Racially Concentrated Areas of Poverty (RCAPs), Opportunity in the Region, Public Policies and Investments, Council Policy, Responses from Regional Partners, and Conclusion. Beth explained that it is an assessment on a regional scale of the disparities in the Twin Cities. Libby stated that the first six sections describe issues facing the region. Sections seven through ten describe the responses to these issues. This discussion focused on sections seven through ten.

A complete set of drafts were released for public comment in January. The document received mostly positive comments in comparison to the July 2013 draft. Responses also indicated interest in how the assessment will influence Council policy planning. Beth and Libby asked Council Members if they would be willing to formally accept the assessment at the March 26 Council Meeting. The final version of the report will be sent to HUD on March 31.

Council Member Cunningham raised the question of how the Council will use the Racially Concentrated Areas of Poverty (RCAPs) information found in the assessment for grant-making. Council Member Chavez raised formatting issues; Beth answered that a Table of Contents will be included in the final document, as well as the Executive Summary. Council Member Chavez also suggested that on p.3 add "as of 2014" to a reference to the Federal Poverty Level. He also questioned whether the RCAPs information should remain red in the maps, as it is currently. Council Member Wulff added that not all RCAPs are the same, and are complex areas with individual issues. Libby responded to a question from Council Member Brimeyer and said that the Council Members have seen sections one through six several times, and sections seven through

ten are the new materials. Section eight will be familiar as it was taken from the Thrive MSP 2040 document, and the Council Members should not need to read the appendices.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:05p.m.

Bridget Barton  
Recording Secretary