

Minutes of the Equity Advisory Committee

MEETING OF THE EQUITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 16, 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 Sitati-Munene called the meeting of the Council's Equity Advisory Committee to order at 6:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL (verbal)

Committee Members Present: Nelima Sitati Munene, Leah Goldstein Moses, Michael Luseni, Chai Lee, Tie Oei, Nicholas Jenkins, Sarah Rudolf, Juliana Miller, Mohamed Sheikh, Lanise Block

Committee Members Excused: Desralynn Cole, Francisco Gonzalez, Edward McDonald, Anita Urvina Davis,

Committee Members Absent: Richard Paul, Phillip Sterner, Andres Boland,

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES (verbal)

- Co-Chair Sitati-Munene motioned for approval of Amendment to the February agenda. Amendment moved by Oei, seconded by Luseni. Agenda amendment was unanimously carried via verbal roll call.
- Co-chair Sitati-Munene motioned for approval of the meeting minutes from January 12, 2021. Minutes were moved by Rudolf and seconded by Lee. Minutes were unanimously carried via verbal roll call.

PUBLIC INVITATION

- Co-chair Sitati-Munene called for any members of the public to come forward; however, there were no community members present.

EAC SUBCOMMITTEE COMMITMENTS AND REVIEW

- Co-chair Sitati-Munene acknowledged the need for the EAC to have subcommittees in order to move the general committee's work forward based on the EAC's Priority areas.
- Three subcommittees exist: Transportation, Housing and Operations.
- Additional time commitment above the two-hour time allotted needed in order to cover subcommittee needs, especially for recruiting new members.
 - Invite EAC members who are not serving on a subcommittee to join one.
 - Rudolf and Oei recapped the Transportation Subcommittee priorities and actions.
 - Goldstein-Moses highlighted the Operations Subcommittee priorities and actions.
 - Sitati-Munene recapped the Housing Subcommittee priorities and actions.
- Sheikh asked for clarification about the additional time commitment requirement.

GENERAL COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- Co-chair Sitati- Munene briefly discussed committee member attendance issues impacting the work of the committee.
- Co-chair Sitati- Munene recapped the EAC new member status for the three open positions. Selections were made for final approval.

- Co-chair Sitati Munene went over the March 10, 2021 EAC Workplan presentation to the full Council update. Rudolf and Urvina-Davis will be presenting with Co-chair Sitati Munene
- The committee discussed EAC Roles and Responsibilities, focusing on Committee Council Members and their relationships with the Standing Committees.

OEO LIAISON UPDATES

- Cyrenthia Jordan, Director of Office of Equal Opportunity briefly updated the committee on the high-level overview of the OEO and Council Operations:
 - Transportation Committee meeting happening on February 27, 2021. Preparation focusing on upcoming trials and Ridership Report update.
 - Transportation Policy was updated in October 2020 and submitted to the Transportation subcommittee.
 - Recap on budgeting for Equity.
 - Affirmative Action Plan was approved by MMB and OEO is working to finalize and post.
 - Recap on meeting between the EAC, Council Members and Council Leadership
 - Public engagement
 - Achieving committee goals
 - Public access to Council member meetings
 - BIPOC Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Co-chair Sitati-Munene called for committee announcements before adjourning the meeting:
 - The Standing Committee will continue meeting virtually via Webex. The next meeting is Tuesday, February,23 2021 at 5:30 pm. Note, that participation in the Standing Committee is critical.

ADJOURNMENT

- Co-chair Sitati-Munene called for meeting adjournment.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Erena Anderson
Recording Secretary