

Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Wednesday, April 3, 2013

Committee Members Present: Smith, Munt, Van Eyll, Schreiber, Brimeyer, Cunningham, Rummel, Kramer, Commers, Melander, Chávez, Duininck, Wulff, Haigh

Committee Members Absent: Elkins, Reynoso, Doan

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Haigh called the regular meeting of the Council's Committee of the Whole to order at 4:00PM on Wednesday, April 3, 2013.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved to approve the agenda. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Commers to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2013 regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole. **Motion carried.**

BUSINESS

1. Finalize Thrive Outcomes, Principles, and Goals for Outreach and Engagement—Steven Chávez on behalf of the Thrive Working Group

As a follow up to the discussion at the last Committee of the Whole meeting, the Working Group presented a refresh of the Outcomes, Principles, and Goals. The content that matches each Principle was included along with the meeting date the language was discussed.

2. Finalize Issue Areas Discussion Papers for Public Outreach and Engagement—Gary Van Eyll on behalf of the Thrive Working Group

The discussion papers for public outreach and engagement are being finalized. The four policy issues in the discussion papers are: Regionally Significant Economic Places, Water Supply and a Thriving Region, Land Use and Transit, Affordable Housing Priority, Location, and Need. They are grounded in the Thrive Outcomes (livability, sustainability, and prosperity) and Goals (collaboration, equity, stewardship, integration, and accountability).

Four large public meetings will be held, along with the other forms of outreach and engagement that were used in the first phase.

3. Fair Housing and Equity Assessment: Measurements and Geographies of Opportunity—Beth Reetz

HUD has structured the FHEA to include data collection. A map of the Racially Concentrated Areas of Poverty (RCAP) as defined by the Council was shown and discussed. The Council requested a map of the RCAPs showing the city and county boundaries.

The group discussed the measures/indicators of opportunities (e.g.: school proficiency, unemployment rates, public assistance rates, housing stability, poverty rates, job access, neighborhood health, transit access, health hazard exposure, crime, affordable housing, health care, healthy food, recreational facilities, voter turnout rates, arts and culture). Opportunities will be measured using place based and/or people based data. Beth shared information collected from outreach with HRA participants in December 2012 in Blaine, Eden Prairie, and St. Paul. Participants were asked open-ended questions about their communities including what they like about their communities, what would cause them to stay or leave, and what is missing. Participants responded that they like the social and media services, the schools, and youth/senior programs. They also shared that they would like more weekend bus service and more disabled friendly landlords.

Cluster analysis maps of school performance and access to jobs were shown. Communities in a cluster are not exactly alike, but they are more similar to the communities within its cluster than those in other clusters. Beth explained the three color-coded clusters: yellow is moderate, green is high, and blue is low. Maps with these clusters illustrated the opportunity index.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:40PM.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary