

Minutes

Committee of the Whole



Meeting Date: May 17, 2023

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Steet

Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair, Charlie Zelle | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Pacheco Jr., District 6 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gail Cederberg, District 12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judy Johnson, District 1 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Lilligren, District 7 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chai Lee, District 13 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reva Chamblis, District 2 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yassin Osman, District 8 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toni Carter, District 14 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tyronne Carter, District 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Diego Morales, District 9 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tenzin Dolkar, District 15 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deb Barber, District 4 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peter Lindstrom, District 10 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wendy Wulff, District 16 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anjuli Cameron, District 5 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susan Vento, District 11 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> = present |

Call to Order

A quorum being present, Council Chair Zelle called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole to order at 4:05 p.m.

Agenda Approved

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

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by W.T. Carter to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2023, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole. **Motion carried.**

Information

1. Young Leaders Collaboration

Participants in the Young Leader's Collaboration (YLC) project presented their final research projects. The Council project team included four interns and two staff; Council interns Mulki Haile, Magaly Ruiz-Barrios, and Nicholai Jost-Epp introduced the YLC project and process. The Young Leader's Collaboration project connects the regional planning process with five organizations with leadership components for regional residents aged 14-24. Organizations are based in Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, and Scott Counties. This project is a part of the 2050 Regional Development Guide work. The projects presented were:

1. *Philosophy of the Project and Overview of Activities*
2. *Pedestrian safety, farmland conservation, affordable housing:* 4H (Scott County)
3. *Housing affordability and community inclusion:* Raíces Latinas (Hennepin County)
4. *Parks conditions and access; habitat conservation and community gardens in land use:* Environmental Stewardship Institute (Ramsey County)
5. *Transportation access and housing affordability:* Esperanza United (Dakota County)
6. *Transportation safety and the effect of housing unaffordability on community cohesion and safety:* World Youth Connect (Ramsey County)

Presenters provided time for questions from Council members after each presentation. Council members had questions and comments regarding pedestrian safety, community inclusion, regional parks and natural resources, and awareness of issues facing young people. Council member comments also included the connection between transportation and housing, perceptions of safety on transit, and the importance of both quantitative data and personal stories. Sergio Almeida, Council intern, then concluded the presentations by connecting YLC issues with the regional issues addressed by the 2050 Regional Development Guide, as well as shared information about next steps.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole meeting of May 17, 2023.

Approved this 7th day of June 2023.

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