

Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

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

Committee Members Absent: Schreiber, Duininck, Reynoso, Đoàn, Melander

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, March 20, 2013.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Commers, seconded by Chávez to approve the agenda. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Chávez to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2013 regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole. **Motion carried.**

BUSINESS

1. Refresh of the Thrive Principles and Goals—Libby Starling

The purpose of refreshing the Thrive Principles and Goals is to have simpler language for the next phase of outreach and engagement. Previous language would not fit on PowerPoint slides. A roundtable discussion with staff who is working on the Council's systems and policy plans determined that staff is looking for guidance from Thrive in terms of having clear goals that would cascade down into the systems and policy plans.

The Principles being proposed very clearly guide the "how": how the Council operates, how Council staff will work, and how we make decisions. The Goals proposed define the "what": what type of future we want to have, what success will look like. A new section called Outcomes includes the concepts which were in all of the specific goals. They are the three themes that were repeated in the previous iteration.

The proposed mission for Thrive MSP 2040 is: working together towards a prosperous, livable and sustainable region where all will thrive.

The group discussed the possibility of putting the term "Racial" in front of the Equity principle, and "Policy" in front of the Integration principle. Libby explained that there are additional words that go under the principles and they have not been changed.

2. Plan for Phase II Outreach and Engagement—Libby Starling

Libby and Meredith provided an overview of the plan for Phase II of Outreach and Engagement. Phase II will mirror some of the previous outreach and engagement work with large scale public meetings and grassroots community engagement. The Council will continue to work with partners, stakeholders, and groups we visited in the previous phase of outreach and engagement. The Your Ideas online engagement will continue as well.

Four meetings are planned for mid-April to mid-May which will utilize a meeting model from the Concord Coalition. The meetings will be two hours long and held in locations throughout the region. Council members will host, attend, and participate. Attendees will discuss two specific issue areas of their choosing within smaller groups for 45 minutes each.

3. Issue Areas for Public Outreach and Engagement—Libby Starling and Members of the Thrive Working Group

The four issue areas for discussion are: regionally significant economic places; water supply and a thriving region; land use and transit; affordable housing priority, location, and need. The members of the Thrive Working Group shared the questions that were tied to each area. The Council members were asked to consider whether the issues were defined appropriately for sincere and open public engagement, whether the right policy questions were being asked, and whether the questions frame up policy tensions.

The group discussed the questions and considered additional areas of interest including work force development, education, and race.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:55PM.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary