

## Minutes of the

### MEETING OF THE EQUITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

**Committee Members Present:** Co-Chair Acooa Ellis, David Ketroser, Ruthie Johnson, Sindy Morales Garcia, Tie Oei, Harry Melander, Ishmael Israel, Kadra Abdi, Leon Rodrigues, Nelima Sitati Munene

**Committee Members Excused:** Co-Chair Edward Reynoso, Jennifer Munt, Shirley Cain, Kim Carpenter, Metric Giles, Rebecca Stratton

**Committee Members Absent:** Leslie Redmond

### CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Ellis called the regular meeting of the Council's Equity Advisory Committee to order at 6:10 p.m.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 19th meeting was made by Ruthie and seconded by Sindy Morales Garcia. The motion passed unanimously.

**Council Staff Present:** Wanda Kirkpatrick, C Terrence Anderson, Yolanda Burckhardt, Michelle Fure, Libby Starling

### 2018 WORK PLANNING

C Terrence Anderson, Acting Equity Manager, introduced the World Café Style work planning activity. C Terrence introduced the activity with the purpose of bringing forward items the Equity Advisory Committee would like to address during 2018. Committee members Johnson and Morales Garcia facilitated the activity and discussion:

- Committee members discussed in small groups the following questions:
  - Where have we seen success?
  - What are some of the challenges we have faced?
  - Where do we want to go?
- After discussing the questions in small groups, committee members debriefed as a group.
  - Where have we seen success?
    - Improved trust between Committee Members, Staff, and Council Members
    - Leadership development of committee members
    - Further defining/clarifying the Equity Advisory Committee's role at the Council
    - Better understanding of the Met Council's work
    - Regional Fare Change Policy and TAP recommendations
  - What are some of the challenges we have faced?
    - Inconsistent attendance
    - Not enough time to discuss topics/policies fully
    - Desire to be more focused on system-wide change
    - Confusion around how the Council works
    - Lack of clarity in how EAC agendas/work plans are formed
    - Council has limited influence in the Region
  - Where do we want to go?
    - EAC would like to be closer to inception and the impact assessment
    - Consider changing frequency of meetings to allow for more in-depth engagement of policy topics
    - Better understand EAC's role
    - Community organizing/engagement of constituents

- Advise on policy topics: Housing Policy; grant-funding decision-making process; budget for FY2019; evaluate Metropolitan Council's efforts in equity

## **REPORTS**

A. Committee Members

B. Co-Chairs

C. Announcements

Please email potential items for 2018 Work Plan to C Terrence.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Yolanda Burckhardt

Recording Secretary