

Public Involvement Advisory Council (PIAC)
Meeting Agenda & Notes
April 1, 2014

Members Present: Mohamed Abdiasis, Claire Adamsick, Bill Beamer, Glenn Bridger, Ross Caron, Mike Crebs, Bill Gentile, Greg Greenway, Paul Leistner, Linda Nettekoven, Shoshanah Oppenheim, Steve Pixley, Marty Stockton, Mike Vander Veen, Christine White

Members Absent: Kelly Ball, Jaymee Cuti, Donita Fry, Tim Hall, Brian Hoop, Denver Igarta, Amy Spring

Guests: Roger Gertenrich

Staff: Greg Greenway

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Notes

A. Announcements & Business

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There were no announcements or public comment.

2. Approve March Meeting Notes

Approval of the March meeting notes was deferred to the May meeting.

3. PIAC Annual Report

Greg said the final revisions to the Annual Report would be based on tonight's small group meetings (clarifying next steps on the PIAC annual work plan). PIAC is scheduled to go to City Council on May 21 at 10:30am to present the report. We will also request a resolution from Council directing PIAC to carry out key actions identified in the report.

At the May meeting, we will review the annual report, the draft resolution, and the Financial Impact and Public Involvement Statement (FIPIS) form for the report.

Bill G. and Mike V. volunteered to present the Annual Report to City Council.

4. PIAC Membership Report

Greg reviewed a summary of PIAC's current membership and a summary of the membership qualifications in PIAC's charter.

The group discussed the direction in the charter to have an "approximate" balance between City staff and community members. Mike V. suggested that that PIAC should not be too cautious about recruiting community members and adhering strictly to a 50/50 balance. He said that strong community participation can help to attract City staff members because it shows that the community is showing up and will support staff.

The group agreed to review the applications received through April and make recommendations for appointment at the May meeting. Chris and Shoshanah agreed to join Glenn, Mike and Paul on the Selection Committee.

Going forward, the new PIAC coordinator will have an opportunity to recruit new members. PIAC members pointed out that more member terms will be expiring in October. As we return to a regular annual cycle, recruitment will begin in July and appointments will be made in September or October. Members talked about the need to fill gaps from both the community and City bureaus. Some members reported on their own outreach efforts and expressed willingness to meet with bureau staff to help recruit. Several ideas were discussed regarding outreach within the City, including possible outreach to the directors of bureaus that are not currently represented on PIAC.

B. Updates

5. Hiring Process for PIAC Staff

Greg reported that ONI has made an offer to a candidate who received the enthusiastic support of the final interview panel. Pending completion of the paperwork, the new staff coordinator for PIAC will attend the next meeting.

6. Potential Interest in Boards & Commissions Audit

Greg reported (for Brian) that the City Auditor's office is considering an audit of the City's boards & commissions processes. A decision should be made in the next couple of months, which might create an opportunity for PIAC to become more actively involved with this issue that we have considered as part of our work plan. PIAC members suggested that the group has already done thinking on this issue that could help to shape the direction of the audit.

7. Police Bureau Implementation of Justice Department Agreement

Mike C., Assistant Chief for the Police Bureau (PB), recounted some of the outcomes of the public testimony at February's public hearing on the proposed agreement between the City and the Department of Justice (DOJ). Judge Simon, the presiding judge, asked 13 questions which the PB answered. Rather than just ruling on the fairness of the agreement, the judge decided that he should be part of the process, overseeing the Compliance Officer and Community Liaison (COCL).

The parties involved must now decide if they are willing to bring the judge into the process in this way. The COCL has not yet been hired. Commissioner Fritz's office has 11 applications (or responses to an RFQ) and is now deciding on the selection process. Mike said Commissioner Fritz took the lead because she had the interest in doing so (he didn't know more about why she was in this role), and he said it is good for the PB to have her working separately on this. Glenn pointed out she has professional skills related to mental health, which is relevant to the issue.

Mike recapped the nature of the agreement. A Community Outreach Advisory Board (COAB) to develop a Community Engagement and Outreach (CEO) plan. Mike sees this as a collaborative process with the COAB, the COCL and the PB, calling it an opportunity for the PB to make changes because it will leverage City resources.

Mike said the PB is proceeding as if the agreement is in place, working to make the changes required in the draft agreement so they have a large portion completed once it is signed and the deadlines become official. He said the goal is to come out of the process 5 years later with community trust and legitimacy. He said more engagement is better for the PB because it gives the bureau a better view of itself. The police are public servants and they need to hear the critique.

PIAC members reiterated support for PIAC having some sort of a consulting role during the process and Mike said perhaps someone from PIAC might become a member of the COAB. The group agreed to have PIAC send a letter to Commissioner Fritz suggesting that PIAC can help and would like to be involved in the process.

C. Discussion Items

8. PIAC Work Plan 2014

Before breaking into small groups, PIAC members reviewed some of the work group topics.

Shoshanah and Mike V. said that the FIPIS group will gather and review community and staff input on how the tool is working, and it will consider how the City's Title VI policy, budget equity tool and commitment to environmental justice can inform a revised version of the form ("FIPIS 2.0").

Linda noted that the landscape has similarly changed since the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) guidelines were adopted by the City. Both groups need to pull the equity focus into their work.

Chris raised the issue of notification. There is strong interest among PIAC members in working on this issue. Paul said the question of when, how and whom to notify has been around for 40 years. Mike noted that East Portland Action Plan has learned a lot about notification. Linda said that that interest-based groups are often better notified than neighborhoods, and that good notification is about getting the right information to the right people in a way that they can use it.

The issue of digital engagement arose in the context of notification. Chris suggested there is not a clear way to proceed. Claire said she and others are excited about the topic, but as an individual member of PIAC it would probably be better to participate on one of the other work groups rather than an exploratory committee on digital engagement. Paul suggested we could schedule time at one meeting to meet with someone from the Bureau of Technology Services. Mike said it would give PIAC an opportunity to have the City's Public Involvement Principles woven into digital tools and applications as they develop. The group agreed to include such a meeting on a future PIAC agenda.

D. Small Group Breakouts

PIAC members broke into groups based on their interests.

- FIPIS: Shoshanah, Mohamed, Bill B., Ross, Mike V., Mike C.
- BACs: Chris, Bill G., Roger
- Comprehensive Plan Manual: Linda, Claire, Marty, Jessica, Glenn, Paul, Greg

E. Small Group Reports

The work groups submitted worksheets that outlined their purpose, action steps and desired outcomes.

F. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:00.