



## **MEETING MINUTES**

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### **Committee 3.96 Meeting #2**

Thursday, December 13, 2018; 5:30 P.M. –8:00 P.M.

Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA)

5135 NE Columbia Blvd, Portland, OR 97218

**Attendance:** Dani Bernstein, Sophorn Cheang, Taji Chesimet, Kathy Coleman, Dr. Alan

DeLaTorre, Lakeitha Elliott, Taylor Ford, Kristen Gallagher, Karin Hansen, Rabbi Debra Kolodny,

JR Lilly, Amanda Manjarrez, JD, Molly Mayo, Hilary Mackenzie, Marcus Mundy, Linda

Nettekoven, Chi Nguyen, Musse Olol and Kathleen Saadat

**Staff:** Director Suk Rhee, Sabrina Wilson, Winta Yohannes, Dianne Riley, Kenya Williams,

Jaspreet Chahal, Tony Garcia

### **Meeting called to order at 5:30PM**

#### **I. Welcome**

#### **II. Remarks and Honoring Statement**

A land acknowledgement was done through committee member JR Lilly and community member Laura Campos.

#### **III. Introductions and Presiding officer**

Committee members introduced themselves and Attorney Advisor Tony Garcia reviewed the role of the presiding officer. JR Lilly is the presiding officer for this meeting.

#### **IV. Review Community Agreements and Meeting One Minutes**

Facilitator, Robin Teater reviewed community agreements and the meeting one minutes with committee members.

#### **V. Identify Existing Community Gatherings**

Facilitator, Robin Teater worked with committee members to identify existing community gathering spaces to talk about the code change work.

- Multnomah County aging, culture and disability
- Civic engagement committee (Multnomah)
- Homeless community (R2D2)– Right to survive/Organized camps
- Oregon bus project



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- SACOO women's empowerment group
- BRO
- Latino Network Leadership programs
- Hispanic Chamber
- Businesses for better Portland
- District coalitions
- Coalition of communities of color/IRCO January 12th learners growing together (Slavic, African and API)
- Disability art and culture project Leadership cohort
- African Youth and Organization
- Lou temple
- APANO – Arts and media project/ jade steering committee
- Youth Collective
- New avenues for youth
- Multnomah Youth Commission
- Portland youth and elders commission
- Portland Indian Leaders roundtable
- DCL Partners
- Portland Spirit Lead Justice Alliance
- Momentum alliance
- Men of action Black Male achievement
- Women's march January 20th
- API Faith based – Large Vietnamese catholic church/ buddha temple
- Veterans community – VFW American legion,
- Libraries and farmers markets
- Veterans Hospital lobby
- City Club (Linda)
- Portland Metro ASC Deaf group
- OR commission for the blind
- LIONS, Kiwanis, Rotary
- NARA pow wow – tabling opportunities
- New Year celebrations
- No hate zone monthly meetings
- Festival Latino
- Latino Film Festival
- Caesar Chavez conference
- PCCEP - Portland community policing oversight committee through Mayor wheeler
- LGTBQ Center
- Think out loud on the radio (OPB)
- League of voters – Friday afternoon session about once a month
- High schools (lots of standing meetings, affinity clubs, opportunities to present)

**VI. About the Bureau (*Bureau Overview Presentation Slides*)**



**a. Programs, funding, and long-term goals**

Director Suk Rhee reviewed programs, funding, and long-term goals of the Office of Community & Civic Life with the committee.

**VII. Re-establish Committee Charge (*Bureau Overview* Presentation Slides)**

- a. Affirm Purpose Statement**
- b. Code v. Administration**
- c. Projections on Where the City is Going**

Civic Life staff; Sabrina Wilson, Jaspreet Chahal, and Dianne Riley, affirmed the purpose statement by reviewing the current city code, what is called for in Resolution No. 37373 and opportunities for more inclusive practices.

**VIII. Debrief of Assigned Question: What is Civic Engagement?**

Committee members formed small groups to answer the question, what is civic engagement? The groups shared out and began to identify assumptions and emerging themes from the group discussion. Community members provided public input.

Civic Engagement:

- People in community engaging with civic institutions to address a need or promote
- Individuals interaction
- Access to information where you are welcomed in and engage as much as you want to engage as a citizen
- Ability of citizen to affect policy and draft it
- Complaining – the more you complain the more you get things done
- Naturally forming groups – including online platforms
- What’s the difference between civic and social?
- Commission form of government needs to be gone – root of East/West PDX problems
- Involvement of community in addressing issues
- Government going out to community and community having avenues to access government, how to have a structure that supports that?
- Multiple avenues for engagement
- Shared decision making
- Access to knowing about what cities do
- Not just having a voice but what happens after the voice is heard? – Multi directional exchange
- Different tiers of engagement - community involvement to interaction
- City has a responsibility to incentivize involve and inspire people to be a part of a value system – who has been privileged and who has been marginalized to date
- Self-declared organization, how to open the door for them and how do they exist?
- What does harm actually mean to us? – We have different ideas on that



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- Concept of city going out to and also inviting in

Assumptions:

- City exists in a vacuum – think about county partnerships
- There is a flipped roll where city is focused on infrastructure and county focused on services
- Assume the city is coming from a good place – these same structures have oppressed us over time and were not so benevolent – at least ask a few questions and test this
- We can't talk about the issue of civic engagement as if it is confined to this office as opposed to permeating every bureau if we are going to be affective
- A who's in and who is out – who can participate – a lot of weight on "citizens"
- Does it always have to come back to policy?
- What are historical structures that lead to what is in the code now? – I assume there is validity
- Lack of knowledge of understanding the structure of the government – that we cannot participate
- People fight over resources and that is why we legislate things – and we can make resources more equitable

Emerging theme:

- Importance of community being informed and having access to it – city being proactive
- Appropriate institutional responses to diversity
- Ensure that the information be accessible
- Language access for refugee/immigrant communities

Notecards

- Can we add catalyst events to the timeline?
- Is there an interest in moving the business district work away from Prosper and back to the Bureau?
- How do you prioritize needs and requests (that become programs) and then how do you fund them/determine funding allocations?
- Questions around groups like the KKK – how to address the exclusion of them and groups like them in the code
- What was revised in city code in 2005?
- Work with constitutional law teams at high schools. Pose the questions to them. Let them argue their positions, they are super smart

**IX. Looking Ahead to Meeting #3**

Meeting three will be held at Rosewood Initiative.

**Meeting adjourned at 8PM**