

City of Portland
Public Involvement Advisory Council (PIAC)

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

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In attendance: Suk Rhee (Bureau Director Civic Life), Michelle Rodriguez (Civic Life), Sabrina Wilson (Civic Life), Lorraine Wilson (Civic Life), Ashley Tjaden (Civic Life), Claire Adamsick (Commissioner Fritz Office) Pollyanne Birge (Commissioner Eudaly Office), Dana Coffee (community member), Vadim Mozyrsky (community member), Nikoyia Phillips (community member), Brody Sargent (Police Bureau), Mark Wubbold (PSU), Ron Young (community member), Jessica Terlikowski (BES), Samantha Thompson (community member), Maddelyn High (NE community member)

Everyone introduced themselves, facilitating the meeting was Michelle Rodriguez.

Due to lack of quorum, the March/April meeting minutes was not approved and no subsequent voting took place.

There was no public comment and no member of the public in attendance.

Civic Life Code Change Updates – Sabrina Wilson, Suk Rhee

Code Change team presented to PIAC in March 2019 and is providing an update. Four documents were shared with members. Congratulations on the Internal Board of Public Participation.

The committee was presented with the community feedback from gatherings with community partners. The information is for the committee to review before a draft is prepared. **PIAC members are to provide on the Cod Change information presented.**

Jessica Wade: Concrete language in the current code than in the proposed code. Lack of agency or community in the proposed language. Looking for what communities can do.

Suk: The code is directed at the function of the Administrative functions of the Bureau. Committee can come up with different ideas under a different format outside of the code.

Ashley: Will there be companion documents to the code for communities to enact it.

Suk: Policies and procedures can support code. Code influences how the City conducts its business.

Pollyanne: the charge is for the City to make sure that they are engaging with communities.

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Mark: What is the community? There is no definition in the new code about what is a community. What is jurisdiction (it is not defined). Movement towards equity and a wider involvement of the “community”. Make an effort to define what is community: geography, race?

Suk: Referred to the purpose that defines the community. Self identify. They are self determining. The bureau will not define who or what a community is.

Mark: If a person self-identifies do they get services?

Suk: There is no basis for us to deny people/communities services. Any self-identified group can see themselves in the Purpose.

Mark: Sub-section E: evaluation Consider data collection. Define culturally competent.

Suk: Will work with other jurisdiction (government).

Should does not imply that it does not hold anyone accountable.

Vadim: Terms need the language to be defined. Especially word that are repeated several time.

Suk: shared that each bureaus have different roles,

Vadim: What does Civic Life do differently to OEHR.

Suk: How the community is civically involved.

Dana: Need some data collection

Ron: Self identifying community was understood. Helping Portland understand how the city government works is very powerful. Really appreciate seeing it in the code. That it be expanded and PIAC can play a role.

Suk: The fact that the code is general caters to the needs of all. It can be a role for many touch points by various committees. Establishing constituency of all groups within the city. Multiple programs can help to support issues.

Jessica: Appreciate seeing some of the language “Civic Engagement” and that the language is flexible.

Claire: The language is refreshing and does not read like city code. What is not here: definition. How are documents referencing each other.

Presentation and Discussion: Assessment

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Meeting Notes

Mark motioned for the meeting notes be approved. Brody second.

The group held a discussion regarding the meeting notes from the April 2019 meeting. The committee agreed that the notes reflect the content of the last meeting

Quick Workgroup Reports

Michelle: What could PIAC look like if not this then what? A member feedback survey was created.

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More staff was involved in facilitating the PIAC meeting. Helped staff the sub-committee. The members felt that the Bureau divested time and staff supporting the committee..

Use time at the end of PIAC meeting for workgroup breakouts?
Assess how where the committee is at. What sub-committees are impacted and how do we move forward.

Ron: Which members will be willing to address new members. The committee felt unbalanced in its make-up.

Dana: A poll on where the existing members are. What are members term duration.

Michelle: It was felt that community attended more than city staff. Staff getting paid. Staff stated that they were assigned for their roles. PIAC has been going before council more often to advise. When was the last time has PIAC gone to council? How does the staff move forward. Reassessing what PIAC will do?

How does the city staff take back information to their Bureaus.

Jessica: PIAC need a PR campaign about the work that is being done and internally and externally.

Mark: Faster for the group to tweaks. It will be a good place to start is look at the guiding documents. PIAC has always had an executive committee to look at the guiding document tune up and bring it back to the entire committee.

Send out Charter and Protocols and Bylaws template.

Coordinating Committee

Resolution that council adapted and look at what PIAC presented. Compare the priorities. Staff will look at it.

Budget documents to be resent.

Workgroup Breakouts