

Social & Economic Justice Advisory Committee

Meeting 4/25/19

Members Present: Julia Chafets, Michael Sherman, Peter Kelman, Sigrid Olson, Lalitha Mailwaganam, Lauren Hierl, Jamie Granfield-Carroll

Guests: Becca Jordan (Community Services Department); Steve Whitaker (observer)

Public Comments:

Steve Whitaker expressed concern for those experiencing homelessness and the lack of year-round shelters.

Michael moved to approve agenda.

Michael moved to approve minutes from last meeting, Lalitha seconded

6 is a quorum, but having an even number could be problematic. Need to explore this.

Julia reviewed the updated charge, sub groups will talk about the updates they made to the charge

Policy and Project Priorities: (Lauren and Shaina)

Nothing changed

Goals are things like Living Wage Ordinance (Responsible Contracting Ordinance), how city resources are allocated for those experiencing homelessness

Add (e) requested by the council

(2) report, should be focused on policy development.

Discussion about (2) we added "could include"

Michael - concerned that we are taking on a lot of stuff. We have already had some resignations.

We will just focus on goals for now, and need to compare all of the calendars for the different sub-committees.

Cross-Pollination: (Peter)

3. Overlaps with outreach

Committee members attending City Council meetings overlaps with Committee Learning. "A process is initiated in our efforts learning from and potentially collaborating with..."

Committee Learning:

Motion to adopt the strategic plan as revised made by Michael

Sigrid seconds

Committee votes aye!!

Next Meeting May 7th - what work will people do by then?

There will be a new Strategic Plan from city council released on May 8th.

Michael suggests that we approve his draft of the Living Wage report at the May 7th meeting. Committee members can review between now and May 7th.

Michael's Report

Racial Justice ToolKit

Web site

PLP

Choose a 2nd or 3rd topic

Business Threads:

Lauren has 3 people in mind who might be interested. Jamie is currently advertising for the openings...on web site, in TA...people should spread the word.

Next steps livable wage - everyone will read

Warming shelter conversation - we could potentially play a role in convening a conversation among people who provide these services. Need to look forward to next year so same thing doesn't happen again.

Peter - we need to spend some time understanding the situation. This is a statewide problem. Homelessness is very tied to opioids, mental health, federal funding, etc.

City Council Strategic Plan - the draft is still being written. It will be posted when council adopts it. They will adopt a plan on May 8th then establish a calendar.

Motion to extend for 5 minutes from Julia