

Civic Engagement Commission Regular Meeting Notes

12/07/2022

Attendees: David Corbari (Treasurer), Sean Moore (Chair), Debi Hunter Holen (Parliamentarian), Ama Hapke Rosen (Vice Chair), Mattye Sisk (City Staff), Johnathan Harris (City Staff) and Andrew Rael Y Trujillo (City Staff)

Absent Commissioners: Kelli Kelly (2nd Chair)

Meeting Purpose and Objectives: Provide recommendations to Council and City management regarding the development and implementation of civic engagement programs, which may include recommendations regarding best practices for outreach and education. Recommend to Council new initiatives to support and partner with community –based organizations, institutions and civic leaders in the public and private sectors in their civic engagement efforts. Coordinate with Council Members, community boards, and other City agencies in the development and implantation of civic engagement programs. Work with City staff and Council to plan and implement a Civic Engagement Academy.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** (6:01pm called to order by Chair Moore)
2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Sean Moore (Chair), Ama Hapke Rosen (Vice Chair), David Corbari (Treasurer),

Absent: Debi Hunter Holen (Parliamentarian) and Kelli Kelly (2nd Chair)

3. **OFFICER REPORT**

Chair Moore, Ward I - Excitement around the new police chief, several folks have asked what the cec involvement has been. Concern of no fire chief or school administrator

VC Hapke Rosen – Concern in Ward regarding theft and gas/electric prices

Parliamentarian Holden – She has been out of commission for a month or so. High line canal conversancy looking for some participants and input regarding accessibility and how to better let people know that the highline canal is here. Will share with everyone

Treasurer Corbari – Gave report on Academy and scheduling meetings with Councilperson Combs and Councilperson Lawson. Will be reaching out to Councilperson Medena first of the year.

4. **PRESENTATION BY Emma Knight, Homeless services presentation**

Goal to engage in homelessness prevention, no direct services, fiscal agents for other organizations, we do not provide housing, Current stats 612 people, with 130-150 beds, more likely higher numbers.

Chair Moore Questions: Homeless website, how are we getting this information to black people who are experiencing houseless issues? Is there a way to communicate these resources better?

Discussion regarding presentations to different organizations

Treasurer Corbari Veterans Services, is it restricted based on discharge status? Depending on the program.

Is there something that we can do as a committee to get houseless folks out. Volunteers needed for the magnet event. Funders for navigation campus, this is going to be a large undertaking

Chair Moore - we will be writing requests for proposals for operators, but we are hoping to get grants.

Follow up planned for Feb.

5. **MINUTES APPROVAL**

Not needed

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

7. **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT ACADEMY DISCUSSION**

UPDATE from staff: Academy can use City staff at discretion for implementation.

Treasurer Corbari - City of Philadelphia great example, how do we engage with people who have limited time to engage.

Chair Moore would like for us to work with educational institutions can it be structured to work with educational institutions. Treasurer Corbari agrees

Parliamentarian Holden would like for us to work out a budget.

8. **COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION**

Rosen to set up timeline options to Moore

Harris to look into the interview process, how many can get together for an interview. Harris to also get previous questions into us from county clerks, hopefully by end of day

December 21st 6pm deadline to get all the questions in and 28th discussion for interviewing questions.

9. OLD NEWS, NEW NEWS, INITIATIVES, NEXT MEETING

Jan 4, 6PM meeting in person, Central Rec

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