

CIC Meeting 4/9/2024

Staff Present: Marco, Harmonee, Donnie, Elaine

Commission Members Present: Jim, Brian, Hannah, Ren, Mia, Calvin, Janette

Presentation: Director Update and Sustainability & Climate Commission

Presenters: Donnie and Elaine

**Director Updates: Donnie Oliveira**

Gratitude for the members and the work that they do.

BPS Updates:

- Budget cuts Citywide – BPS has stability and the work here will continue with strategy.
- Workplan updates
  - Planning
    - Housing Production Strategy – Addressing renter protections, density,
    - Economic Opportunity Analysis – Looking at the land we have in the City and what types / how many of jobs that land facilitates.
  - Climate Commission (presented on later in the evening)
  - Waste Program Government
    - Ensure there is equitable service between single family and multi family service
  - Community Technology
    - Right of Way use and benefit evaluation
  - Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits Fund
    - Transition from grant program to capital investment program

Transition Updates:

Donnie will step into Deputy City Administrator (effective May 15<sup>th</sup>), Eric Engstrom will be the interim BPS Director

Question: With the combining into service areas, how do we ensure that climate and sustainability are still important and elevated?

Answer: The Sustainability Officer is one of only a few categories moved into the highest level of oversight under the City Administrator. Elaine is the first staffer of the Sustainability Office.

Advisory Body Evaluation – Which groups have codified functions? Which advisory bodies stay? Are they in the correct space? There will be an outreach and evaluation process to members about what that looks like.

General Question: How is Housing Production Strategy highlighting the voices of community when only 50 comments have been made on only 17 people attended the open house?

Answer: Since engagement started in January/February of 2024, we have engaged:

- 236 individuals while at 22 organization/coalition meetings and open houses

- 66 individuals at six Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) specific focus groups
- BIPOC Community Meeting (*April 16*)
- 300+ Responses to Citywide Survey (*still open*)
- 16 Developer Interviews
- 4 cross-jurisdictional Technical Advisory Committee Meetings
- 19 Multi-bureau Internal Working Group Meetings
- 50 Comments on MapApp
- Additional community partner outreach

## **Sustainability & Climate Commission (SCC)**

### Presentation

Note: This committee will be responsible for the next Climate Action Plan

Question: Of the 24 people who offered comment, were there common themes

Answer: Sense of urgency wanting the action now. Additionally, there was some confusion from climate work coming from so many different places in the City.

Question: Is there peril in Council or the Mayor being able to override the recommendations for appointment?

Answer: There could be. But it would need to be someone who applied and not just a random person that they select. Additionally, this is similar to the current process for most advisory bodies currently.

Question: What age range are we considering for youth?

Answer: This is still under consideration. Leaning towards 16-21

Question: Has there been any change or recognition on feedback from the last time the SCC came to the Committee?

Answer: There is more structure and substance than last time. Not any notable contradictions or flip flops. Public engagement has been there and much of the feedback has been “we have already commented on this. We’ve been asking for these things.”

Questions: Were there any points of contention internally or externally?

Answer: We took out recruitment by geographical area and opted for more content expertise. Foreseeable pushback is the political season we are in and hoping for robust turnout at City Council.

Question: How much connection is there between the County and State?

Answer: We have had a county commissioner participate. Hoping for alignment and feedback. Elaine attends both of those climate commission meetings regularly. Previously the City and County put out joint Climate Action Plans.

Question: Is there a difference between previous public comment and public testimony at council?

Answer: Yes. The previous comments were taken into consideration in the design of the program. The public testimony is either in support or not of the proposal and will not change the content of the project.

General feedback for SCC: Desire to have outreach and engagement plan before the end of the process for the ability to give feedback.

Suggestions for CIC:

Have more days to get the agenda (maybe a week or two) and if possible get slides ahead of time

General structure changes that will be followed up later

More interactive discussion and activity or workshopping

Announcements:

Rheanna has taken a new position. We will get additional support for the committee.

Set up your check in with Marco for feedback and ideas on the committee

Adjourn