

Minutes for Durham City Participatory Budgeting Steering Committee

Call to Order

The *Durham City Participatory Budgeting Steering Committee* was held on *Monday, March 13, 2023* at City Hall. It began at 6:15 pm and was presided over by Carmen Ortiz.

Attendees

Members in attendance included: **Dawn Alston, Rosa Cuppari, Angela Jimerson, Axel Herrera Ramos, Jadda Richardson, Kenneth Webb, Cynthia Wood, and Tanula Starks**

Others in attendance included: Carmen Ortiz, Fallon Thompson and Sharon Williams

Other Reports

None

Agenda Items

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

Approval of February meeting minutes will be done at the April meeting.

Announcements/Chair Report

Discussion of Equity Map Update – goal for map to reflect areas that have/historically had need.

Additional options under consideration:

- Expanding median income threshold
- Eviction rates
- Transportations

Rosa made a motion to vote (2nd by Angela) to move forward with map parameters as Public Transportation, 40K income black and 40K income Latinx. It was affirmed.

Update on Proposal Development Phase

Carmen Ortiz led the discussion.

- 65 residents expressed interest in being a budget delegate, some have dropped.
- Currently 56 continue to show interest.
- 36 have attended orientation and at least one of the trainings and subsequently been assigned to a committee.

Delegate Sub Committees

- Arts & Culture
 - Wellness & Sustainability
 - Transportation & Public Works (2 teams)
 - Parks and Recreation
 - Other
- 267 projects are moving forward to the proposal development phase.
 - Budgets delegates will receive \$80-85/week stipend for roughly 2-hour commit.
 - Fallon Thompson, Samantha Pace and Carmen Ortiz will oversee committees
 - Towards the end of May, proposal writing will begin with help of design interns.

Shared Folder for Documents

A shared folder for all documents to live was requested in a previous meeting. It was approved, a link will be provided for access to all information.

PB Cycle 1 & 2

- Our team's focus is PB cycle 3.
- Independent evaluations will be completed for previous cycles by NCCU.
- PB Cycle 2 – 22 projects were funded, 3 have not been completely funded.
- Any concerns regarding previous cycle should be referred to Carmen, Fallon or Andrew

Actions Items / Next Steps

- Continued proposal development.
- Will reach out to GIS to start working on map.

Adjournment

Rosa made a motion (2nd by Dawn) to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm