

Minutes for Durham City Participatory Budgeting Steering Committee

Call to Order

The *Durham City Participatory Budgeting Steering Committee* was held on *Monday, April 10, 2023*, virtually via Zoom. It began at 6:09 pm and was presided over by Dawn Alston Paige and Carmen Ortiz.

Attendees

Members in attendance included: **Rosa Cuppari, Angela Jimerson, John Wesley Jordan, Donna Kaye, Dawn Alston Paige, Axel Herrera Ramos, Jadda Richardson, Prince Rivers, Montae Watson, Kenneth Webb**

Others in attendance included: Carmen Ortiz and Fallon Thompson

Other Reports

Members shared holiday weekend activities.

Agenda Items

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

Angela made the motion to approve the February minutes. Dawn seconded the motion. February minutes approved. Axel made the motion to approve the March minutes. Donna seconded the motion. March minutes approved.

Announcements/Chair Report

Evaluation Committee Update:

Donna asked for ideas/perspectives on how to achieve and measure their goal of providing residents with knowledge and tools to independently access city programs and services.

- Axel suggested that perhaps a sub-committee could focus on that goal through voting outreach and communication efforts.
- Carmen recommended leveraging PB contacts to reach out to residents and warned about engagement fatigue. We should be clear on what we're looking to get out of the engagement and intentional about what we want to share.
- Donna asked if we might add this topic as an agenda item for the next meeting to discuss further.

This committee will partner with the City's Innovation Department and NCCU as another feedback instrument.

The committee recommends beginning planning early for the engagement for next PB cycle and for this cycle's fall voting.

Equity Map

- The color scheme is a bit confusing.
- In the initial version of the map, the transportation category was 10% instead of 5%.
- Suggested that we remove the layering and have just three colors.

Action: The map will be updated by the next meeting, and we'll vote to accept it.

Department Update

- The budget director, John Allore was killed, this was a great loss to the team.
- Proposal development phase is a challenging time. We started with 65 people; every week people drop out. (Not feasible to add new delegates) The projects are having to be reassigned. Now we have 37 delegates, they are being paid \$40 per hour for 2 hours per week.
- The shared folder is live, and documents are being move into it.

Actions Items / Next Steps

- City staff to reshare the list of all projects with all the committee members.
- The equity map will be updated.
- Update language around map to include in rule book.
- Matrix to be shared for feedback on what can be added and/or changed.

Adjournment

Axel made a motion (2nd by Kenneth) to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.