



CITIZENS' COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FULL COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, October 19, 2021
Zoom Meeting
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order at 5:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Irene Riley, Azalea Renfield, Mick Del Rosario, Rena Ilasa, Terry Lusk

City Staff in Attendance: Brian Cheu (MOHCD), Pierre Stroud (MOHCD), Helen Hale (MOHCD), Manuel Vazquez (MOHCD), Reymon Lachaux (MOHCD), David Taylor (OEWD), Angel Cardoz (OEWD)

Members of the Public in Attendance: Gina Tse Louis

2. Welcoming of new committee members and introductions *(Discussion Item)*

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes *(Action Item)*

Meeting minutes from June 3, 2021, were moved by Irene Riley, seconded by Azalea Renfield, and approved unanimously by the Committee.

4. Staff Presentation on HIV Housing Plan and MOHCD Programs *(Discussion Item)*

Presentation by Manuel Vasquez and Helen Hale on the HIV Housing Plan, implementation, and RCFI transition. Committee members expressed great interest and requested

5. Staff Presentation on Digital Equity Initiative *(Discussion Item)*

Presentation by Reymon Lachaux on MOHCD's Digital Equity Initiative. The committee members were very interested in this digital equity work – their comments and questions included the urgency created by the pandemic, impact of the digital divide in public housing developments such as Sunnydale, involvement of transitional aged youth.

6. Director's Report *(Discussion Item)*

None

7. Committee Members' Report (*Discussion Item*)

None

8. Planning for Public Needs Hearings in November (*Discussion Item*)

Brian Cheu explained that last year held the public needs hearing online on Zoom, and had translation in Cantonese, Spanish and Filipino. One thing that MOHCD has found over past few years is that having public meetings in four languages is quite cumbersome and confusing. What do people think about having three separate meetings, each one primarily focused on one language (English, Spanish, Cantonese)?

Irene Riley and Terry Lusk both said this was worth trying.

Mick Del Rosario asked, what if person is not able to attend the specific language hearing, and wants to attend another meeting? Brian Cheu responded that there would still be interpretation at all three meetings. Mick asked if we could have a reservation system for attending meetings. Brian responded that we can ask people to pre-register on Zoom.

Brian Cheu also mentioned that at a previous public meeting MOHCD was criticized for the Chinese translation not being accurate, because of the challenge of translating technical and policy language.

Irene asked whether we could do one event and people could select their language right at the beginning. Brian explained that many participants in previous meetings were not able to manage transitioning to the correct language channel.

Angel Cardoz asked if there is a way to have people select the language as part of the registration process, and then be immediately assigned to a breakout room based on language?

David Taylor asked what the planned date is for this meeting? Brian Cheu said that if we keep it on our regular CCCD schedule it would be November 16th, but if necessary we could also push it out to early December.

Brian Cheu said that MOHCD always has English, Spanish, Cantonese and Filipino translation at these meetings. We have never actually had a resident use the Filipino interpreter. We have had Samoan, Vietnamese, and Russian interpretation at past meetings – only the Vietnamese was used. Rena Ilasa did not think we would need Samoan interpretation at this meeting.

Brian Cheu said that when we had this meeting last year, we were in the middle of a procurement. We are now in a multiyear funding cycle, and there will probably be little change in our funding allocations for 2022-23. Did people have recommendations on how to frame this?

Brian Cheu said that we do want honest feedback on our current grantees.

Rena Ilasa suggested that we might want to limit speaking time, perhaps to one minute. Brian Cheu said that we do want to hear from everyone, so it might be helpful to limit speaking time so everyone has an opportunity to be heard.

Azalea Renfield suggested that perhaps we want to divide up meeting by program area. Brian mentioned the logistical challenges of being able to do this with interpretation.

David Taylor asked if we remember how many residents attended? Brian Cheu thought that it was probably over 300. He did not think we would have such large attendance this year, since we do not have an active procurement.

Irene Riley suggested that we could send out an agenda in advance with certain topics covered at certain times.

9. Public Comment

Gina Tse Louis thanked the committee for letting her join the meeting.

10. Adjournment at 6:55 p.m.