

Workforce, Education, and Equity Committee Meeting Record

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Note: This meeting was conducted via teleconference to comply with a social distancing mandate during a declared state of disaster.

Meeting Date: May 10, 2021

Convened: 9:00 a.m.

Adjourned: 11:02 a.m.

Committee Members Present:

CM Casey Thomas, II Chair
CM Jaime Resendez, Vice Chair
MPT Adam Medrano
CM Lee Kleinman
CM Paula Blackmon

Committee Members Absent:

N/A

Other Council Members Present:

N/A

AGENDA

Call to Order (9:00 a.m.)

1. Approval of the April 12, 2021 Workforce, Education and Equity Committee Meeting Minutes

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): A motion was made to approve the minutes for the April 12, 2021 Workforce, Education and Equity Committee meeting minutes. The motion passed.

Motion made by: CM Paula Blackmon

Motion seconded by: Vice Chair Jaime Resendez

BRIEFING ITEMS WITHOUT ACTION

A. Workforce: South Dallas Employment Project Quarterly Update

Presenter: Dr. Froswa' Booker-Drew, Vice President of Community Affairs and Strategic Alliances, State Fair of Texas; Wes Jurey, Founder and Executive Director, Redemption Bridge

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Dr. Booker-Drew and Mr. Jurey provided updates on the South Dallas Employment Project (SDEP), which is a model to assist opportunity populations in South Dallas. The update covered plans and projects under various strategic focus areas including employment, housing, transportation, health, wellness, and recovery, community connectivity, digital access, public policy, and equity and inclusion. Chair Thomas requested a list of employer partners from Mr. Jurey and updates on the City's pre-release and reentry work from staff. The Committee members discussed and asked questions about how the SDEP is being staffed, how the seven standing committees are structured, Dallas' living wage, and dual-generational approaches to career development. Information only.

B. Equity: ADA Transition Plan Update

Presenters: LaToya Jackson, Human Rights Officer, Office of Equity and Inclusion; Gary Copeland, ADA Manager, Office of Equity and Inclusion

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Officer Jackson and Mr. Copeland provided updates on the City's Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Transition Plan, including the types of existing ADA barriers, project phases, progress of the plan for Fiscal Year 2021, and ongoing compliance efforts for Fiscal Year 2021 – 2025. There was no discussion on this item by the Committee members. Information only.

C. Equity: Status of Request for Developer Interest and Streetlight Wi-Fi Pilot Projects

Presenters: Robert Perez, Ph.D., Director, Public Works; Ali Hatefi, P.E., Assistant Director, Public Works; Jacob McCarroll, Third Tier Executive, Public Works; Don Knight, Sr. Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Director Dr. Perez provided an update on two projects that are a part of the City's digital equity strategy: building a citywide fiber optic/wireless broadband network and streetlight/Wi-Fi installation. Committee members discussed and asked questions about communication plans for the reopening of City facilities, usage data from the pilot projects, the plan or vision to provide connectivity in areas that are not in close proximity to City facilities, the cost breakdown for each pilot project, and how the City can speed up operations. Informational only.

BRIEFING MEMORANDUM WITH ACTION

2. Proposed Grand Prairie Boundary Adjustment - Bella Lagos

Presenters: Kris Sweckard, Director, Sustainable Development and Construction; Neva Dean, Assistant Director, Sustainable Development and Construction; Jennifer Munoz, Chief Planner, Sustainable Development and Construction

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): A motion was made to postpone the item for discussion to the June 7, 2021 WEE Committee meeting. The motion passed.

Motion made by: Chair Casey Thomas

Motion seconded by: MPT Adam Medrano

Adjourn (11:02 a.m.)

APPROVED BY:

ATTESTED BY:

Casey Thomas, Chair
Workforce, Education, and Equity Committee

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