



Joint Commission on Racial Justice and Equity Economic Development and Jobs Sub-Committee



AGENDA

Monday, September 12, 2022, 5:30 pm
Greater Peoria Economic Development Council
401 NE Jefferson St, Peoria IL & Zoom

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval of Minutes**
 - August 8, 2022
3. **Informational Items and Reports**
 - Work Group reports – Workgroup leaders named; Workgroup activity: meetings, work plans
 - Jobs/Workforce Development
 - August 25 meeting with Regional Workforce Alliance
 - Minority Business Development
 - Increase Economic Activity in Marginalized Neighborhoods
 - Meeting with City staff
 - City staff liaisons
4. **Discussion**
 - Areas for collaboration with other sub-committees or Steering Committee support needed
5. **Recommendations to the Steering Committee**
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6. **New Business**
 - Next meeting: October 10 (Columbus Day – need to move?)
7. **Adjournment**

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JOINT COMMISSION ON
RACIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY:
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & JOBS
Minutes: Monday, August 8, 2022 5:30 PM
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In Attendance (in person): Mike Seghetti, Chris Setti, Tom Pelger, Jackie Watkins **(via Zoom):** Nia McFarland-Drye, Shawn Allen, Paula Nachtrieb, Erik Christian

Not In Attendance: James McCoy, Ronald Ruffin, Jonathan Jenkins, Marilyn Woods, Patresse Moore, Eric Burns

1. **Call to Order** : Meeting was called to order by Tom Pelger at 5:35pm
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Jackie Watkins moved to approve the 7/11/2022 minutes, Mike Seghetti seconded. Mike noted a correction: changing the word “Agenda” to “Minutes” header. Corrected minutes were approved by consensus.
3. **Informational Items and Reports:**
 - Report back on July 14 meeting of the Co-Chairs of the Steering Committee and Sub-Committees - - Tom reported that it was a very productive meeting. He sent comprehensive notes on the meeting to all sub-committee members on July 15. Updating those highlights: the Steering Committee is working with the City of Peoria to offer OMA training on site at City Hall; a request has been made to the Heart of Illinois United Way for digital copies of their annual community assessment; the Steering Committee is working on publishing an Annual Report; the need for a Communications Strategy, recommended by the Sub-Committee chairs, was discussed at the July Steering Committee meeting and the will likely see pro bono assistance from local PR firms; a city intern, starting in September, will review all sub-committee minutes for collaboration touch points to be communicated to sub-committees; the Steering Committee is also working on updating the sub-committee rosters and contact emails and phone numbers.
 - Meeting with the City Manager - - Tom had a meeting today with the City Manager, Patrick Urich. Tom shared the work of our sub-committee and the desire for a working relationship with city staff. Tom asked Patrick to name staff liaisons for each of our three Phase 2 workgroups. Patrick viewed the request favorably and will respond with

contact person(s). He also indicated that it was possible that up to \$300,000-\$400,000 in ARPA funds could potentially be made available for our work on Jobs & Economic Development. Tom also reported that he had a chance meeting with Paul Joseph, who stated that he is just received a \$14M grant for workforce training and jobs. Tom will follow-up to learn more.

4. Discussion:

- Phase 2 workgroup assignments – we agreed on the following:
 - Jobs / Workforce Development - Workgroup members will be Erik Christian, Paula Nachtrieb, Monica Smith-Wallace, Shawn Allen, Tom Pelger.
 - Minority Business Development – Workgroup members will be Marilyn Woods, Janice Zagardo, Nia McFarland-Drye.
 - Increase Economic Activity in Marginalized Neighborhoods – Workgroup members will be Mike Seghetti, Chris Setti, and Jackie Watkins.
 - A copy of the workgroups’ scope and members is attached.
 - Other sub-committee members will be added to these teams if they return to regular meeting attendance.
- High level timeline for Phase 2 strategy development - - Tom reviewed a draft workplan with monthly milestones to be able to provide strategies for each of our three work areas by mid-February; a copy is attached. All agreed that the timeline looked reasonable and provides us a framework for progress. Each workgroup will need to name a leader to guide their work. Workgroups will need to create more detailed work plans that align to the monthly deliverables identified and meet independently each month to progress their work. Monthly Sub-Committee meetings will then focus on workgroup progress reports, seeking input from other members, and identifying areas for collaboration with other sub-committees or support from the Steering Committee.
- For the Jobs / Workforce Development team, there is an August 25 meeting of the Regional Workforce Alliance which may be a useful group to share our work to date and solicit their support. Paula Nachtrieb will speak to the organizer and see if they are open to having us present.
- For Increasing Economic Activity in Marginalized Neighborhoods, team members agreed to pursue a meeting with relevant City of Peoria staff.

5. **Recommendations to the Steering Committee:** None.
6. **New Business:** Tom has set up a Google Drive to store Sub-Committee documents. All members have access and this can also be used for workgroup document storage and shared document collaboration.
7. **Public Comment:** None
8. **Adjournment:** Adjourned at 6:25pm. The next meeting will be on September 12, 5:30 pm at Greater Peoria Economic Development Council office, with a Zoom connection to those unable to join in person.