



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



## MINUTES

Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 4:30 pm

Greater Peoria Economic Development Council

401 NE Jefferson St, Peoria IL & Zoom

### In Attendance

- **Subcommittee:** Tom Pelger, Erik Christian, Chris Setti, Mike Seghetti, Mark Slover, Janice Zagardo, Jackie Watkins
  - **by Zoom:** Paula Nachtrieb
- **City/County/Steering Committee Liaisons:** Kimberly Richardson, Brittany Graves, Urian Kilgallin

### Excused

- **Subcommittee:** Patresse Moore
- **City/County/Steering Committee Liaisons:** none

### Absent:

- **Subcommittee:** Eric Burns
- **City/County/Steering Committee Liaisons:** Pam Orear

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Tom Pelger at 4:34 PM
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Jackie Watkins moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting on June 12th, 2023, seconded by Eric Christian. Correction made to spelling of Paula Nachtrieb's surname. Minutes were approved by consensus.
3. **Informational Items and Reports**
  - We welcomed new member, Mark Slover, to our subcommittee.
  - Pam Orear has been named as our Steering Committee liaison. She was not in attendance, so discussion of her role will wait until our next meeting.
  - Tom spoke to Ursula Towne, co-chair of the Transportation subcommittee. Since transportation is a major barrier to overcome to get disadvantaged people in higher wage jobs, it was agreed to include each subcommittees co-chairs on minutes of each other's meetings in order to identify areas for collaboration.
  - Uriah and Kimberly discussed having subcommittee members assist with a survey of Peoria minority businesses (MBE). Uriah will provide list of MBE's in Peoria based on the RISE Grant Awardee list and the Peoria Equity Accountability Program (PeAP). Uriah will notify the business owners that someone from the committee will contact them to ask questions the City of Peoria has provided. Individuals on the committee will call and set up a time to meet and complete the survey in an interview. Our goal is to have this complete by our September 12 meeting.

#### **4. Discussion**

- Discussed incentivizing ride sharing platforms to assist getting people higher wage jobs, including possible matching of city funds and employer funds to aid in transportation solutions. The qualifying population would be people that live in the City and County of Peoria, with household income below a threshold. First priority for businesses to benefit would be those within Peoria, but businesses outside of the County should not be excluded. Vehicle ownership (e.g. the Cincinnati City Link Center / Changing Gears model) should be considered in order to reach outlying employers and increase worker flexibility to get children to childcare. Erik Christian, Mark Slover, and Paula Nachtrieb will work this further and come back to our next meeting with a straw model that could be discussed with area employers.

#### **5. Recommendations to the Steering Committee**

- Establish a work group to investigate Cincinnati City Link Center as a framework to replicate for implementation of subcommittee strategies in an integrated fashion.

#### **6. New Business**

- Our next meeting is Monday, August 14, 4:30 pm at Greater Peoria Economic Development Council.

#### **7. Adjournment**

- Meeting was adjourned at 5:48 pm.