



PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, April 8, 2019

12:30 – 2:00pm

Goodwill Community Center

MINUTES

Members Present: Reggie Smith (TCJC), Sherri Cogbill (TDCJ-RID), Michelle Collins (Integral Care), Darwin Hamilton (RAP Member), Mary Moran (TCSO), Laurie Pherigo (Roundtable Fellow), Jaime Rodriguez (FBOP), Don Tracy (ACC), Jennifer Tucker (Goodwill), Bree Williams (ECHO)

Support: Kelly Nichols, KiYa Moghaddam (WNA)

I. Introductions (Reggie Smith)

Reggie welcomed attendees and facilitated a round of introductions at 12:35pm.

II. Vote: March 2019 Minutes (Reggie Smith)

A quorum was not present. An electronic vote will be requested.

III. Vote on New Planning Council Member: Rochion Gregg, City of Austin (Mary Moran)

Mary provided an introduction of Rochion and her work in the community on fair chance hiring. Rochion will need to confirm with her employer before officially accepting the nomination. If she is not able to represent in an official capacity, she's interested in serving as a private citizen. This will be tabled until next month.

IV. Reentry-Related Legislation:

Kelly explained SB 15, HB 2158, HB 373, and HB 1342/SB523 did not receive enough support from the Planning Council to make a public statement for or against the proposed legislation.

V. Celebrity Interview with Hank Perret, Fair Chance Hiring Champion (Laurie Pherigo)

Laurie asked Hank a series of questions as a way of introducing him to the group. Hank provided anecdotes from his background as a board member and as CEO of the Central Texas Food Bank. He explained that when he selected this project from those available with the Leadership Austin Fellowship, he saw this an opportunity for "work well done" because he wants to make a positive impact on the community.

He said potential challenges will be understanding why people do not want to hire people with criminal backgrounds. To overcome that, the narrative must focus on compelling reasons to hire those with criminal backgrounds. He would like to develop compelling, robust communication strategies that will help change public perception and employer perception.

VI. Mid-Year Financial Update (Kelly Nichols)

Kelly updated the Planning Council on the current financial status of the Roundtable. The Roundtable has approximately \$53,000 in the Austin Community Foundation account. She thanked members for

participating in Amplify Austin. She also let Planning Council members know that the contract with the City was a little late being processed, but that it is being processed now. The Roundtable is on track in terms of expenditures. The largest expenditures are the Woollard Nichols coalition support contract and the Advocacy Fellowship stipend. Kelly provided an overview of the logo and website redesign and the Executive Committee's commitment to a robust website through support services with TriSummit Solutions.

VII. Review Proposed FY19-20 Deliverables (Kelly Nichols)

Kelly provided an overview of the proposed deliverables as presented to Travis County Justice Planning. It was noted that the scope of proposed work is more robust than has been proposed in previous years and that an increase in funding was requested.

VIII. Misc. Announcements and Roundtable

- Kelly updated the Planning Council that Laurie provided citizen communication at the last Commissioners Court meeting. The result of this was that the Roundtable was asked to attend the Commissioners Court on April 16 to provide an update on impact. Bree Williams suggested the "Pay for Success" initiative as a connection.
- The CAN board meeting is Friday, April 12. The Roundtable is on the agenda and will provide a broad overview of the organization and a focused view on the housing guide.
- The City of Austin Career Fair will be held April 17 from 10 a.m-3 p.m. at Palmer Events Center. Second-chance employers will be identified at the door.
- Bree provided an update on housing guide's implementation. Affordable housing developers will join an MOU with ECHO. ECHO will refer to the guide for tenant background screening.
- Don Tracy announced that an orientation was held with the Lockhart women's facility for ACC continuing credit in a partnership with Workforce Solutions.

IX. Meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.