



Mayor's Task Force for Racial & Ethnic Equality

EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Thursday, January 21, 2021 5:30pm Zoom Meeting

Call to Order

Julie Fisher Cummings, co-chair, called the meeting to order at 5:31pm. It was noted that Alexandria Ayala the other co-chair, could not attend. Tiffany David of the City of West Palm beach Mayor's Office, took attendance of participants for the meeting record. Kayla Elson, of Justice & Sustainability Associates, reviewed the meeting agenda and introduced Emma Lipsky of Justice & Sustainability Associates, who will be taking notes.

Review of Meeting Procedures

The review of meeting procedures was requested by the co-chairs. The expectation is that the meeting is called to order and formerly asked for a close. Robert's rules speak to the procedural portions of the meeting, but necessarily the Subcommittee and timing which is usually set by the co-chairs (ex. Length of time a person is permitted to speak, procedures after a motion is introduced, etc.). There is no set direction, but the attorney will get with more details on how to proceed,

December Meeting Minutes

The December meeting minutes were unanimously approved as distributed.

City Commission Meeting

On January 25, 2021 at 5:00pm, the Task Force co-chairs are presenting the first update related to activities of the task force to date including meetings, the Action Summit, and identification of the two initial priorities for each of the subcommittees to the city commissioners. City commissioners will be allowed to ask questions to the co-chairs, but the general public will not because this is a presentation, not a set engagement event.

Subcommittee Initial Priority Areas

The initial priority areas established in the Action Summit were listed. There was a bit of skepticism choosing only two priorities because the Subcommittee members felt that the priorities they were working with were not representative of the West Palm Beach community. However, there was assurance that these two priorities established tonight are only a starting point for the Subcommittee (not an "end-all"). Subcommittee members agreed that they wanted to gain information about existing after school and



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other educational programs and what needs to be improved via surveys or other methods of community engagement/outreach.

Discussion: Confirming Priorities

Subcommittee members agreed to vote on the five priorities listed in the "Potential Priorities" slide and put their top two choices in the chat. It was agreed that the two priority topic areas revolved around career development and identifying and improving school support.

Update on Subcommittee Data & Resources

Subcommittee members requested more data and verbiage about what the needs are and the existing disparities to better shape the next steps moving forward. Tiffany David noted that school data (for example) might not reflect that there are disparities. There is still progress being made on obtaining the other pieces of data that Subcommittee members previously requested.

Next Steps

The next steps are to obtain data that gives a fuller picture of the West Palm Beach community inside and outside of the Subcommittee and begin working on strategies towards engaging with key stakeholders.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned 6:53pm by Julie Fisher Cummings. The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 5:30pm on Zoom.

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Julie Fisher Cummings, Subcommittee Co-Chair

Sally Chester, Subcommittee Member

Andre Darnell Wynn, Subcommittee Member

Joyel Glaze, Subcommittee Member (Late)

Dina Rubio, Subcommittee Member

Tiffany David, City of West Palm Beach Mayor's Office

Kayla Elson, Justice & Sustainability Associates

Emma Lipsky, Justice & Sustainability Associates

Absent:

Alexandria Ayala, Subcommittee Co-Chair

Sergio Piedra, Subcommittee Member