



Mayor's Task Force for Racial & Ethnic Equality

Mayor's Task Force MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 25, 2021

6:00pm

Zoom Meeting

Call to Order

Patrick J. Franklin, co-chair of the Mayor's Task Force for Racial & Ethnic Equality, called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. Tiffany David, of the City of West Palm Beach Mayor's Office, took attendance of participants for the meeting record. Michelle Diffenderfer, co-chair of the Mayor's Task Force for Racial & Ethnic Equality, welcomed participants to the meeting and reviewed the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

Subcommittee Priority Reports

Kayla Elson, of Justice and Sustainability Associates, opened the floor for subcommittee meeting report share-outs. Co-chairs from each subcommittee presented updates on the work of their respective subcommittee and progress on their priority areas. Alexcia Cox provided the Criminal Justice subcommittee report; Alexandria Marie Ayala provided the Education subcommittee report; Leontyne Brown provided the Finance, Banking, & Business subcommittee report; Gopal Rajegowda provided the Health subcommittee report; and Bradley Hurlburt provided the Real Estate & Housing subcommittee report. Subcommittee co-chairs also submitted a written report that highlights more details about their progress on their priority areas.

Stakeholder Engagement

Donzell Robinson, of Justice & Sustainability Associates, discussed various methods of community and stakeholder engagement. The overall goal is to get the public more involved in subcommittee and Task Force meetings and activities and encourage them to attend the upcoming Action Summit. Task Force members shared their thoughts on how to successfully engage the community, and strategies to do so.

Action Summit Discussion

Task Force members discussed details about the upcoming Action Summit taking place on Saturday, June 12th, 2021. The goal of this Summit is to begin to shine a light on the conversations the subcommittees have had and to invite people to be a part of that conversation in the Summit.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm by Michelle Diffenderfer. The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 22nd, 2021 at 6:00pm on Zoom.



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ATTENDANCE

Present:

Michelle Diffenderfer, Task Force Co-Chair
Patrick Franklin, Task Force Co-Chair

Maria Antuña, Task Force Member
Rick Asnani, Task Force Member
Alexandria Marie Ayala, Task Force Member
Jennifer Jean Bell, Task Force Member
Leontyne Brown, Task Force Member
Sally Chester, Task Force Member
Alexcia Cox, Task Force Member
Julie Fisher Cummings, Task Force Member
Daniel Eisinger, Task Force Member
Bradley Hurlburt, Task Force Member
Bill Jacobson, Task Force Member
Faye Johnson, Task Force Member
Dina Rubio, Task Force Member
Gopal Rajegowda, Task Force Member
George Soria, Task Force Member
Tameca West, Task Force Member
Dr. Alisha Winn, Task Force Member

Tiffany David, City of West Palm Beach Mayor's Office
Kayla Elson, Justice & Sustainability Associates
Emma Lipsky, Justice & Sustainability Associates
Farah Nerette, City of West Palm Beach Mayor's Office
Donzell Robinson, Justice & Sustainability Associates

Absent:

Ana Bacas, Task Force Member
Jerry Deng, Task Force Member
Bryce Graham, Task Force Member
Chauncey Graham, Task Force Member
Juan Pagan, Task Force Member
Bishop Wright, Task Force Member