



Louisville Metro Government

Action Summary - Tentative Committee on Equity and Inclusion

Chair Jecorey Arthur (D-4)
Vice Chair Anthony Piagentini (R-19)
Committee Member Barbara Shanklin (D-2)
Committee Member Cassie Chambers Armstrong (D-8)
Committee Member Kevin Kramer (R-11)
Committee Member Markus Winkler (D-17)
Committee Member Nicole George (D-21)

Thursday, July 21, 2022

4:00 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

THIS MEETING IS BEING HELD VIA VIDEO TELECONFERENCE

Call to Order

Chair Person Arthur called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Chair Person Arthur introduced the committee and non-committee members present. A quorum was established.

***NOTE: All committee and non-committee members present attended in Chambers, except for Committee Member Shanklin, who attended virtually.**

Present: 5 - Committee Member Barbara Shanklin (D-2), Chair Jecorey Arthur (D-4), Committee Member Cassie Chambers Armstrong (D-8), Committee Member Kevin Kramer (R-11), and Committee Member Nicole George (D-21)

Excused: 2 - Committee Member Markus Winkler (D-17), and Vice Chair Anthony Piagentini (R-19)

Non-Committee Member(s)

Council Member Bill Hollander (D-9)

Support Staff

Natalie Johnson, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk(s)

Lisa Franklin Gray, Assistant Clerk
Marissa Brown, Assistant Clerk

Special Discussion

1. [ID 22-0950](#)

American Rescue Plan Equity - The Accelerator Team.

Attachments: [Equity Committee July 21 2022 FINAL.pdf](#)

Margaret Handmaker, The Louisville Accelerator Team, gave a presentation (attached hereto).

The following also spoke to this item:

- Chair Person Arthur
- Committee Member George
- Committee Member Chambers Armstrong
- Council Member Hollander
- Committee Member Kramer
- Joi McAtee, Office of Equity

The following was discussed:

- There was a discussion regarding the processes utilized for agency and community input in disbursing the American Rescue Plan ("ARP") monies either by priority, need, or geographical data.
- There was a discussion regarding whether the Transit Authority of River City ("TARC") received any ARP funding for transportation.
- There were several questions regarding whether ARP funds were being spent equitably and reaching the goals set forward by the local agencies.
- There were several questions regarding whether the original goals of the program still aligned after input from faith-based and business communities.
- There were several questions regarding whether geographical diversity was impacted in under-served zip codes while other zip codes were not consider.
- There was a discussion regarding how many proposals for service and/or assistance have been received by the Accelerator Team.
- There were several questions regarding work group requirements and their meeting frequency.
- There were several questions regarding whether the work groups had chair persons.
- There were several questions regarding areas where improvements may be made to strengthen the project.
- There were several questions regarding the disbursement of ARP funds to small businesses.
- There was a discussion regarding the challenges in scheduling for work groups.
- There was a discussion regarding the goal of the work groups, which is to assess the areas with the most need regardless of geographic and ethnic factors.
- There were several questions regarding how to improve future processes and make the disbursements/needs more equitable.
- There was a discussion regarding work groups being fully transparent in the process and all communications with the public.
- There was a discussion regarding how to ensure that the geographic markers are used in future endeavors to assess the needs in the community.

- There were several questions regarding whether the work groups were comprised of Metro Council members only.
- There were subject matter experts that offered guidance in the initial work group meetings, however, they did not participate in the decision-making process or later meetings.
- There were several questions regarding whether funds were allocated in an equitable manner and when an initial report/study would be available.

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Person Arthur adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.