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Advisory Committee

September 14, 9:00AM | 2 hours

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MEETING MATERIALS

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ATTENDEES

- Ranadip Bose
- Skyler Larrimore
- May Toy
- Todd Vanadilok
- Mark Potter
- Melvin Thompson
- Mary Kenney
- Lesley Roth
- Maureen Burns
- Rachel Arfa
- Christina Harris
- Ellen Shepard
- Isabel Araujo
- Lauren Burdette
- Angela Taylor
- Juan Sebastian Arias
- Melanie Wang
- Lynette McRae
- Angela Tovar
- Mark Potter
- Kathleen Dickhut
- Charsetta Reed



A screenshot of a Zoom meeting grid with 20 participants. The participants are arranged in four rows of five. The names of the participants are visible below their respective video feeds. The video player interface at the bottom shows a play button, a progress bar at 1:46:44 / 1:47:20, and various control icons like volume, closed captions, settings, and screen sharing.

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MEETING GOAL

To provide an opportunity for the public to understand and give input on “guiding questions” developed by We Will Chicago pillar teams ahead of the second phase of the We Will Chicago plan.

WHERE WE ARE

Step 1

We Are*Setting the Stage*

Step 2

We Have and Need*Develop A Policy Toolkit*

Step 3

We Will*Set Policy Framework***KEY TAKEAWAYS**

- 1** | The need for cross-cutting themes and connections across pillars was emphasized by several pillar teams. Team members expressed an interest and eager willingness to share lessons learned across teams, neighborhoods and affinity groups. A “connectivity pillar” was suggested as a means of cutting across and connecting thematic pillars.
- 2** | Attendees emphasized a need for explicit conversation and inclusion of racial equity and racial equity frameworks in advance of any policy recommendations that may emerge from the We Will Chicago planning process.
- 3** | Participants want a stronger commitment to meaningful implementation. Many have been a part of organizational and governmental strategic planning with varying results. Others question how the plan will change or respond to community engagement within pillars and meetings when it reaches City Council. They question how participant efforts will be codified in the final plan.

CONVERSATION HIGHLIGHTS

“Arts and culture can be seen as a big positive point bringing a lot of value and tourism to the city and also recognizing that those benefits may not and, in many specific cases, have not been equitably distributed. Just know that that’s something we are building out in the language.”

Melanie Wang | Volunteer

“As we spent time as a team laying out our guiding questions, the high level things that cropped up are trust building investing in people, particularly Black and brown communities, Black and businesses and investing in neighborhoods, especially Black and brown neighborhoods, that have been historically disinvested...it was really important for us to call out these things in our guiding questions.”

Lynette McRae | Volunteer

“The broader dialogue, like many others have reported back, many folks on our team noted how intersectional [the] environment is, as well and expressed interest in ensuring that we’re connecting the dots with some of these other processes.”

Angela Tovar | Office of the Mayor

“It’s incumbent upon the developers of lifelong learning opportunities to really be thoughtful and mindful about belonging to ensure that the programs speak to and have the voices of the individuals who would hope to benefit from such opportunities.”

Mark Potter | City Colleges of Chicago

“We’ve really got too much much richness to drill down on transportation itself and that’s really been the achilles heel in Black and brown comms alone, and so it’s really difficult to tackle guiding questions and separate these because trans has meant so much to the South and West sides in terms of exclusivity...these things need to blur in to other pillars or we’re not going to get to the core.”

Melvin Thompson | The Endeleo Institute

NOTES

Kickoff and Introductions

- Advisory committee co-chairs Christina Harris of the Metropolitan Planning Council, Mary Kenney of BMO Financial Group and Katya Nuques of Enlace introduce themselves and an outline for the advisory council meeting.
- Juan Sebastian Arias and Skyler Larrimore share team structures and guiding framework for the We Will Chicago plan—Two principles, five themes (historical reckoning and trust building, systemic evaluation of equity impacts, accessible and meaningful community engagement, accountability through shared metrics and transparency and sustained interagency and cross-collaboration) and seven pillars
- The Advisory Committee’s role is to 1) guide the overall citywide planning effort, including monthly, livestreamed meetings 2) synthesize the work of the pillar research teams #) serve as thought partners and 4) be ambassadors for the plan
- The pillar groups will soon be moving into “step 2” of the We Will Chicago plan: “Identify objectives,” including assets and trends and goals and objectives. According to Kathleen Dickhut, this second phase will include artist/organizer engagement events and community partner engagement events, a community meeting toolkit and virtual forums (websites and surveys)

Overview

- Guiding questions for each pillar (3-5 questions per pillar) have led to questions discussed in this meeting. Guiding questions are intended to be “overarching ideas that reflect and encapsulate that pillar,” according to Ranadip Bose of SB Friedman—pillar teams were given guidance on how to strike the right balance (i.e. “How can we increase investment in historically marginalized communities?” not “How can we improve neighborhoods?”)
- Guiding questions will be used to create “a bar of how we move forward from where we are now to the development of objectives and recommendations. These are the guideposts going forward as we develop the research and as we develop the final policy recommendations,” according to Bose.
- Pillar co-chairs gave overviews of previous meetings and work products, including working definitions, questions and conversation points developed by committee members through online whiteboard groups like Menti and small group discussions. Overlap between different pillars is a point of further discussion.

Agenda:

- Recording Consent + Ice Breaker (10 minutes)
- Welcome and Introductions (5 minutes)
- Planning Process + Context (15 minutes)
- Community Engagement Overview (10 minutes)
- Pillar Research Team Overview (10 minutes)
- Pillar Research Team Reports (35 minutes)
- Emerging Themes (10 minutes)
- Discussion/Q+A/Next Steps (20 minutes)

RESOURCES

HREIA

https://www.chicago.gov/content/dam/city/depts/doh/qap/qap_2021/draft_reia_qap.pdf

https://www.chicago.gov/content/dam/city/depts/cdph/CDPH/Englewood_Line_Trail_HIA.pdf

Chicago United for Equity (CUE)'s REIA

https://7cd91beb-5ca0-4525-bbaa-310f9a7158a1.filesusr.com/ugd/05f795_c9429545d1ec47fc87a4a93605f823c3.pdf

Health and Medicine Policy Research Group's (HMPRG) Trauma-Informed Policy Making Tool

<http://d3s8k6ajh82rah.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/policymaking-tool-new.pdf>

Government Alliance on Race and Equity's REIA toolkit

https://www.racialequityalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/GARE-Racial_Equity_Toolkit.pdf

List of the community events

<https://wewillchicago.com/calendar>

Meeting Transcript

<https://www.streamtext.net/player?event=EREP>

We Will Artist-Organizer Promotional Toolkit

<https://wewillchicago.com/we-will-chicago-promotional-toolkit>