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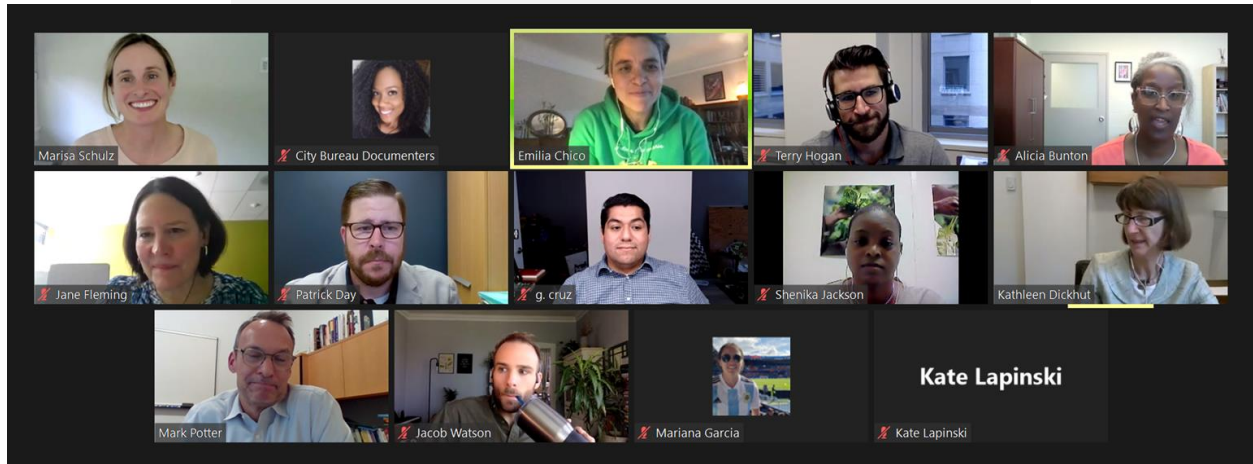
Life Long Learning Meeting #13

June 9, 2022, 02:00PM | 2 hours

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ATTENDEES

- Alicia Bunton
- Emilia Chico
- Guillermo Cruz
- Jacob Watson
- Jane Fleming
- Kate Lapinski
- Kathleen Dickhut
- Mariana Garcia
- Marisa Schulz
- Mark Potter
- Patrick Day
- Shenika Jackson
- Terry Hogan



MEETING GOAL

Final Lifelong Learning pillar meeting to discuss next steps for summer engagement to gain community feedback.

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 Lifelong Learning draft plan was revised based on pillar feedback to add clarity and specificity.
- 2 | The Advisory Committee and pillar members agree that there is a need for additional feedback from the community. A community engagement plan will be launched this summer.
- 3 | The final plan will be completed by the end of 2022 and submitted to the Plan Commission in January 2023 for adoption.

CONVERSATION HIGHLIGHTS

“In addition to website surveys, I really appreciate the plan to get a wide swath of Chicagoans to weigh in by going to places where people will be gathering. I hope we can oversample in communities that are most likely impacted/communities for whom policies are intended to increase equity of opportunity for their direct input on priorities.”

Jane Fleming | Chicago Public Schools

“It would be helpful to share out, not just the successes, but also the challenges. What isn’t being implemented and why? What roadblocks and challenges are emerging in that process?”

Jacob Watson | Artist-Organizer

“Information dissemination has to be across multiple platforms for the digitally aware and digitally unaware.”

Alicia Bunton | Illinois Institute of Technology

NOTES

The meeting began at 2:03PM.

The meeting opened with a review of the team's accomplishments thus far.

- 24 hours on Zoom
- 5 overarching goals crafted
- 21 objectives defined
- 110 policies

The content gathered from pillar discussions has been sent to the design team for assistance with organization and layout. The draft plan will be emailed to pillar members by late June, early July at the latest, and then published on the We Will Chicago website.

Emilia Chico presented updates since the last meeting:

- Plan revisions were made based on team feedback with the purpose of adding clarity and specificity.
- Additional feedback was given by the We Will Chicago Advisory Committee.
- Text and data were finalized with the help of the Department of Planning and Development.

Kathleen Dickhut, Department of Planning and Development, presented an update on the equity analysis. The original equity analysis proved too complicated to apply, so there will be a specific focus on the following questions from the Racial Equity Toolkit (link in resources section):

- What are the racial equity impacts?
- Who will benefit from or be burdened?
- Are there strategies to mitigate the unintended consequences?
- How have community members most impacted by this policy been engaged or how will they be engaged?

The next step in the equity analysis will include identifying the communities who may be impacted by a specific policy and including them in focus groups for feedback.

Broad public engagement is planned for July through November 2022. Community feedback will be incorporated into the plan by the end of 2022. The plan will be presented to the Plan Commission in January 2023.

Summer engagement will include pop-ups at city events. Several team members shared upcoming opportunities in their communities or sponsored by their organizations. Engagement will happen through on-site conversations and surveys. We Will Chicago promotional items will be used to build excitement.

A seven-part series on We Will Chicago will be hosted by the Metropolitan Planning Council, Chicago Council on Global Affairs, and the City of Chicago. Each event in the series will feature a panel presentation of international and local city experts, along with an interactive participant workshop to provide feedback and input on plan policies.

Engagement opportunities will be added to the We Will Chicago calendar page (link in the Resources section).

Discussion Question: What does accountability and transparency look like to you as we move into the next phases of public engagement and implementation?

Several team members shared the belief that not all groups have been represented throughout the process so far. Members were invited to continue to make suggestions for who should be included in the upcoming focus groups.

Alicia Bunton suggested outreach in public aid and unemployment offices.

Patrick Day asked who could provide oversight for the outreach. Dickhut suggested that since pillars have corresponding departments in city government, some of the work may already be in process.

Day also mentioned that lifelong learning doesn't seem to have an advocate. Dickhut responded that since multiple pillars have similar ideas, concerns in the lifelong learning pillar may be covered by other pillars' plans. However, Dickhut also noted that they could consider having "champions" for each pillar to make sure.

Final Comments:

The originally scheduled June 28th in-person celebration has been moved to July 14th at 6 pm. This will be an all-pillar event. Team members will receive additional details as they are decided.

The meeting ended at 2:55PM.



RESOURCES

We Will Chicago, Lifelong Learning

The pillar recognizes that learning goes well beyond grammar school, high school, college, and postgraduate work. It occurs in many shapes, forms, and locations that are both formal and informal. <https://wewillchicago.com/lifelong-education/>

We Will Chicago Calendar

Explore events and opportunities to engage with We Will Chicago.

<https://wewillchicago.com/calendar>

Racial Equity Toolkit: An Opportunity to Operationalize Equity

Racial equity tools are designed to integrate explicit consideration of racial equity in decisions, including policies, practices, programs, and budgets. It is both a product and a process. Use of a racial equity tool can help to develop strategies and actions that reduce racial inequities and improve success for all groups. <https://www.racialequityalliance.org/resources/racial-equity-toolkit-opportunity-operationalize-equity/>

NEXT STEPS

- The We Will Chicago Lifelong Learning draft plan will be emailed to pillar members by late June/early July.
- Volunteer and paid opportunities will be available this summer to support additional engagement and community feedback.