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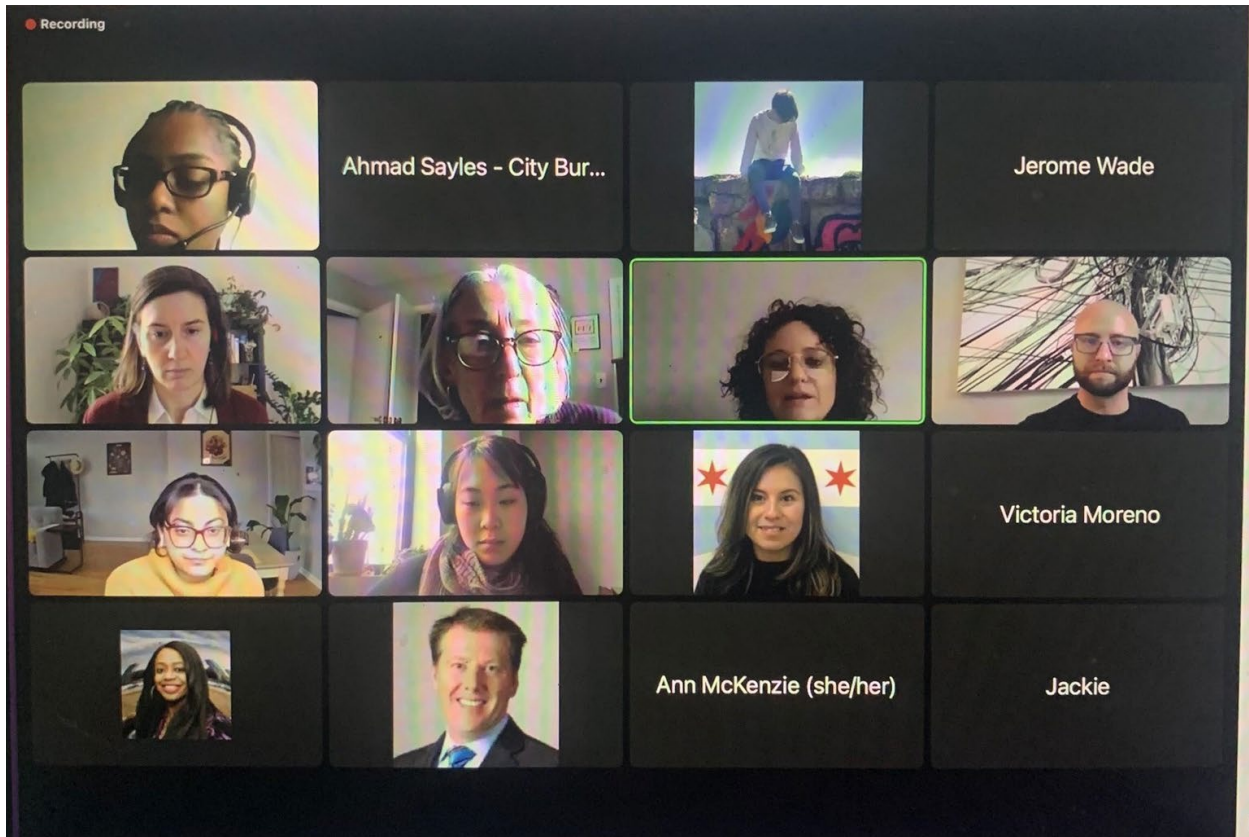
Housing + Neighborhoods Meeting #8

January 13, 2022, 10:00AM | 2 hours

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ATTENDEES

- Jameson Skaife
- Victoria Moreno
- Ann McKenzie
- Patricia Fron
- Claudia Herasme
- Mare Ralph
- Felice Eckhouse
- Jessie Wang
- Patrick Murphey
- Briana Gibson
- Vivian Zhang
- Dalia Aragon
- Freda Madison
- Paola Villegas
- Fran Rood
- Jerome Wade
- Jackie Paige



MEETING GOAL

Refine objectives, review metrics, craft policies, and analyze innovative policy directions.

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 | Community partners bring up the importance of ending discrimination against people with housing vouchers. They want to increase accessibility for voucher holders with disabilities.
- 2 | Pillar members want to increase housing protections and opportunities for Black and Brown residents. Increasing homeownership will be a big component of the pillar's policy framework.
- 3 | Pillar members want to craft housing policy that will provide affordable, quality and accessible housing throughout the city.

CONVERSATION HIGHLIGHTS

“We’ve identified pervasive discrimination within the market because voucher holders have to operate in the private rental market with private landlords... Even though it’s illegal, landlords say up and down they don’t accept vouchers or Section 8.”

Patricia Fron | Chicago Area Fair Housing Alliance, Co-Executive Director

“We’ve taken the tact of going outside of Chicago because we don’t feel heard or listened to. So we’ve taken these things to Congress. Unless we feel heard, unless we feel listened to, unless we feel a part of the process then we are forced to go outside of Chicago. One of the reasons we don’t feel heard is because we keep saying the same things.”

Jackie Paige | Activist/Volunteer

“Community land trusts can be used to both increase community control and preserve affordability.”

Fran Rood | SB Friedman, Senior Vice President

“We have to think about preservation. More times than not when we get a new building, we get new neighbors. There’s always a question of what happened to the families that were already there.”

Dalia Aragon | North River Commission, Economic Development and Housing Coordinator

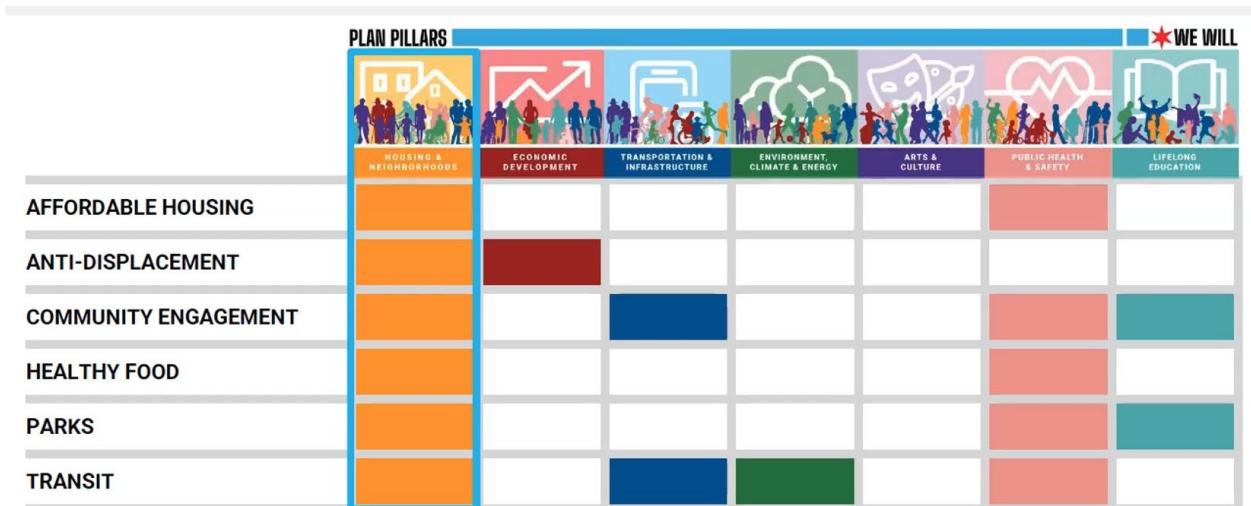
NOTES

Community Partner Update

- Patricia Fron from Chicago Area Fair Housing Alliance (CAFHA) explains how residents with housing vouchers are discriminated against by landlords. She also identifies housing condition issues, key decision-making and authority as issues for voucher holders. She wants committed representation on the Chicago Housing Authority board to address concerns.
 - CAFHA created a report summarizing a program that allows voucher holders to become homeowners.
- Jackie Paige, housing activist, expresses frustration that housing activists have with the city. Paige seconded much of what Fron had to say about discrimination against residents with housing vouchers. Paige says that she knows other community members that are discouraged by interactions with the city and have chosen to raise issues to congress. Paige says that the same concerns are being repeated but not being heard.

Objectives Update

- Fran Rood from SB Friedman gives an objective update. The objectives, based on guiding questions, focus on investment in historically marginalized communities, developing community-based decision making and increasing affordable, equitable and accessible housing. Objectives will be revised by the communications team before being shared on We Will Chicago’s website.
- Rood shares a graphic illustrating cross-pillar topics. The research team will think about how policies compliment each other based on overlapping topics.



Metrics

- Jameson Skaife gives a metrics update. Skaife explains the pillar members will develop data-informed policy using metrics and data presented by the research team. A subset of performance metrics will become a baseline from which the city can measure and evaluate outcomes in policies.

- Briana Gibson introduces the Menti exercise/poll. The poll allows pillar members to rank metrics suggested by the research team. Metrics correlated to guiding questions. Gibson asks for more ideas from pillar members.

Innovative Policy Directions Presentation

- Fran Rood delivers the Innovative Policy Directions presentation. The presentation describes home ownership models from Chicago, Cleveland and New York City. Rood also presents on community land trusts—separating land from housing ownership—from Portland, Boston and Chicago.

HREIA Exercise

Pillar members then use the Health and Race Equity Impact Assessment (HREIA) framework to talk through questions using an example policy.

RESOURCES

CHICAGO AREA FAIR HOUSING ALLIANCE

[CAFHA](#)

CHA's Choose to Own Homeownership Program (CTO)

[Voucher Program](#)

Chicago's Homeownership Racial Gap

[Urban Institute](#)

Cleveland Lease-to-purchase program

[CHN Lease](#)

NYC Housing Program

[Housing Affordability Program for NYC](#)

NEXT STEPS

- Be prepared for guest speakers in Meeting #9. Suggestions for guest speakers will come from team members.
- Pillar leaders will incorporate community feedback in Meeting #9