

BLUEPRINT COUNCIL | JANUARY 13, 2016

MEETING MINUTES

2:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

CHIP, 1100 W. 42nd Street, Indianapolis, IN 46208

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS – 3:07 P.M.

- Current sitting Blueprint Council members in attendance: Laura Alvarado, Raymond Berry, Michael Butler, Julie Fidler, Jennie Fults, Crystal Haslett, Matt Holland, Sandy Jeffers, Mary Jones, Julia Kathary (phone), Leslie Kelly (phone), Courtney Purnell, Kirk Taylor, Jeremy Turner, Jenni White, Michelle Winfield, Alan Witchey
- Elected Blueprint Council members in attendance: Kim Boyd, David Greene, Nicole Spacey, Maurice Young
- Guests in attendance: Brad Brey, Tenise Chandler, Michaela Flash, Peggy Meyer, Don Sawyer, Abby Vesga
- Current sitting Blueprint Council members absent: Rebekah Bricker, Terri Garcia, Aaron Kalinowski, Sue Reed
- Elected Blueprint Council members absent: Gabie Benson

ELECTION RESULTS UPDATES

- Jennie Fults asked to see if a ratification resolution could be done; City's legal counsel said that this was not an appropriate workaround.
- City would not sign documents on basis of perjury due to deviation from the charter
- Alan Witchey notified and talked with all elected members selected through the invalid election
- This brings the Blueprint Council together today (01/13/2016) to discuss the reelection process and timeline

DISCUSSION OF ELECTION PROCESS AND TIMELINE

PRE-DISCUSSION

- Sandy Jeffers asks that the Blueprint Council use names of HUD officials during the discussion; Also, rather than immediately react and do a reelection, this discussion should be opened to full membership
 - According to the charter, this cannot be done with full membership; would contradict the charter

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- Jennie Fults asks, “How did we go about getting election committee members with the 2015 election ad hoc workgroup?”
 - Phil Smith and Michael Butler volunteered to be the Blueprint Council members on the committee
 - Phil Smith and Michael Butler charged Blueprint Council for suggesting the 51% non-Blueprint Council members to form the election committee
 - No names were suggested by Blueprint Council members
 - Phil Smith and Michael Butler sought out individuals in the Continuum of Care to form the election committee
- Will amend the charter during after reelection in 2016; must go through reelection process under the charter as is

ACTION PLAN

- Designate election ad hoc workgroup (only 49% can be Blueprint Council members) by appointing the ad hoc workgroup
 - Leslie Kelly asks if the same 5 members would resume their roles on the election ad hoc workgroup
 - Phil Smith has retired and therefore the election ad hoc workgroup that was used in 2015 cannot be reutilized
 - Non-Blueprint Council members on the election ad hoc workgroup in 2015 were Brianna Gates, Tyler Stumm, Teri Bailey
 - Leslie Kelly moves to appoint the Blueprint Council members on the election ad hoc workgroup in order to find the appropriate number of non-Blueprint Council members
- **Jennie Fults, Courtney Purnell, Matt Holland, Sandy Jeffers, Alan Withey, and Julia Kathary** are interested on sitting on the 2016 election ad hoc work group
 - Need **at least 7** non-Blueprint Council members to join the ad hoc workgroup; these individuals need to be **eligible members of the CoC**
 - The 6 Blueprint Council members on the ad hoc workgroup needs to recruit the **at least 7** non-Blueprint Council members
 - The Blueprint Council members on the ad hoc election workgroup must then present the recruits to the Blueprint Council who has to formally approve the appointments

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- Must schedule a full Continuum of Care meeting as part of the election timeline process

EFFECTIVE TIMELINE

- Send out email to CoC by Friday, January 15 to seek out members for the election ad hoc workgroup
- Tuesday, January 19 at 2:30 p.m. at CHIP for Blueprint Council election ad hoc workgroup
- Select additional members in the next two weeks (by 1/29)
- Meet as Blueprint Council week of 2/1 to formally appoint members
 - Send out Doodle
- First week of March for the CoC meeting
 - Send out Doodle

POST-DISCUSSION

- Laura Alvarado approves of this approach
- Crystal Haslett worries about the productivity of the workgroup because of the size of the workgroup (13+)
- Kirk Taylor wants to make sure the key issues of the election (such as voting rights) to ensure a proper reelection
 - **Definition of eligible voter: just attendance to one meeting in the last 12 months and a signed membership form constitutes active participation in the CoC**
- Crystal Haslett asked about how this reelection process will affect the failure of securing a Blueprint Council chair by January 15
 - According to conversation between Michelle Kincaid (HUD representative) and Jennie Fults, missing a deadline is better than deviating from the process in place in the charter
 - Indy CoC will disclose and justify failure to meet deadline in HUD application
- Julie Fidler wants to vet all CoC member votes to ensure they meet the eligibility requirements; homeless or formerly homeless individuals self-identify
- Sandy Jeffers wants to address the discrepancies within the charter
 - The Blueprint Council is focusing solely on the reelection

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- The reelection will be done relying on the current charter (as is)
- Revision of the charter should occur separately from the reelection process
- Revising the charter will be discussed at February Blueprint Council meeting
- Kirk Taylor wants the election ad hoc workgroup to present the process to the Blueprint Council and the City's legal counsel.

OTHER BUSINESS FOR FEBRUARY MEETING

- Address discrepancies in charter and revise it (see above)
- Jennie Fults asks hiring attorney to represent the Blueprint Council
 - Cannot hire attorney because Blueprint Council has no assets
 - Possibility of a pro bono attorney (?)
 - Possibility of parliamentarian (?)
- Kirk Taylor wants to discuss performance targets and monitoring outlined on page 3 of the charter
- Kirk Taylor wants to discuss instating work plans for the standing committees of the Blueprint Council

MEETING ADJOURNMENT – 4:12 P.M.