



N/NE Community Development Initiative (CDI) Oversight Committee Meeting – September 20, 2018

New Song Community Church ~ 2511 NE MLK Jr. Blvd. ~ 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Co-Chair Leesha Posey, Co-Chair Haben Woldu, Jennifer Huang, Dorcie Johnson, Khanh Le, Maurice Rahming, Chonitia Smith, Karen Ward

Members not present: Oscar Arana, Karis Stoudamire-Phillips, Gwen Thompson

Prosper Portland Staff Present: Yvonne Smoker, Tory Campbell

Facilitator: Dr. Steven Holt

Summary of action items:

- Dr. Holt began and facilitated the meeting
- Meeting minutes from the previous two meetings, June 21, 2018 and July 19, 2018, were presented by Leesha Posey and both were approved
- Jennifer Huang provided a report out from the Community Outreach Subcommittee meeting that took place on September 18, 2018
 - Soul District Business Association was invited to present to Community Outreach Subcommittee on their outreach efforts and how they can assist in the Oversight Committee's outreach plan
- Haben Woldu provided a report out from the Investment Reallocation Subcommittee, which met on September 18, 2018
 - The subcommittee made a list of requests for information, including data around previous Prosperity Investment Program (PIP) clients, as well as Community Livability Grant (CLG) recipients
 - The Investment Reallocation Subcommittee recommended to the Oversight Committee that the funding for all of the Action Plan implementation programs be paused until the data could be analyzed to ensure that the priority population was being served
 - The Co-Chairs recommended drafting a letter to be addressed to the Executive Director of Prosper Portland, Kimberly Branam, to lay out their recommendation to pause funding to the Action Plan implementation programs
- Leesha Posey led the Oversight Committee in a discussion around the Joint Meeting with the Portland Housing Bureau (PHB) that took place on July 19, 2018, as well as the FAQ information session that took place on September 17, 2018
 - Haben Woldu stated that there was not enough context to the provided information
 - Jennifer Huang commented that some items were glossed over, such as how the housing set aside was formed, and that other committees in other cities do not necessarily have two committees like the N/NE Community Development Initiative and Portland Housing Bureau (PHB)'s Housing Strategy Oversight Committees
 - Leesha Posey asked how, when and why PHB separated from Prosper Portland, formerly known as the Portland Development Commission (PDC)
 - Tory Campbell provided a brief overview on the history of how PHB was established, and their funding sources (Tax Increment Financing and General Fund dollars)
 - Dr. Holt offered that all the information on the history and the formation of PHB and why it was formed could be found on the PHB website
 - Khanh Le asked about Question 10 on the Joint Meeting FAQs from the July 19th meeting regarding Micro Enterprise Services of Oregon (MESO) and whether they had met with 130 businesses or if they had helped

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- Tory Campbell would need to consult with the Prosper Portland team to get exact data for clarification
- Yvonne Smoker provided an update on summer events, which included the Vanport Jazz Festival and My People's Market, two events at which several Oversight Committee members had volunteered
- Tory Campbell provided an update on multiple topics: The Facilitator Contract, Conflict of Interest forms, the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Voting Guide, and the meeting frequency of the Oversight Committee in the coming months
 - Due to the nature of the work and his knowledge and experience on the context, Dr. Holt will be providing his facilitation services on an as-needed basis, with Prosper Portland making the decisions as to when his services are needed
 - Tory presented a draft of the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Voting Guide to the Oversight Committee, which was designed to help the committee come to a decision on the frequency of meetings for the upcoming new year, 2019
 - Leesha Posey offered that since there are only 11 committee members, and each member is involved in several subcommittees, the group should move to meeting quarterly
 - Maurice Rahming suggested continuing to meet monthly considering the upcoming decisions to be made, including adding the Hill Block property to the Urban Renewal Area (URA), as well as discussing the Cultural Business Hub (CBH)
 - Jennifer Huang stated that meeting quarterly could work, but suggested having the ability to call emergency meetings when needed, with Khanh Le concurring
 - Karen Ward suggested bi-monthly as another option
 - Chonitia Smith concurred that the group should continue to meet monthly
 - Haben Woldu stated that she had initially agreed with meeting quarterly, but then suggested going monthly until the month of November, taking December off, and then reconvening in January to determine the frequency of meetings then
 - The Oversight Committee agreed to meet monthly until November, and then to take off December
- There were no public comments provided.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.