

East Portland TIF Exploration – E 205
Summary Notes – July 17, 2024

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Summary Meeting Notes

1. Dana DeKlyen welcomed committee members and reviewed the meeting goals and agenda.
2. Camille Trummer asked committee members if they would prefer to finish reviewing the plan or begin with the governance charter.
3. Committee members agreed to start with reviewing the governance charter.
 - a. *Question:* Clarification around committee composition – are Prosper Portland staff on the committee? *Response:* Staff only provide an advisory role to the community leadership committee. For selection committees for implementing Prosper Portland grants there will be at least two representatives from the community leadership committee.
 - b. *Comment:* No conceptual issues with the plan, need to look into community engagement and how the City will work with community over time. Need for sustained engagement with processes that support on-going meaningful engagement. Limited community capacity to participate in advisory committees.
 - c. *Comment:* Need to discuss the responsibility of the staff to the committee.
 - d. *Comment:* In terms of ongoing engagement, staff are looking to the committee to develop what that looks like because needs change over 30 years. In practice, engagement and outreach shifts over the lifetime of the district.
 - e. *Comment:* Look at the accountability section to get at the root of this. There could be language added around accountability to investment and outline that Prosper Portland and Portland Housing Bureau staff report back to the community leadership committee regarding spend down of TIF dollars. Language for Prosper Portland and Portland Housing Bureau staff to work to implement the action plans in good faith. The action plan will speak to specific investments.
 - f. *Comment:* Strengthen language around stipends for community engagement. Lack of specificity.
 - g. *Comment:* Could add language to outline stipends, translation, childcare etc for community.
 - h. *Comment:* Thinking about how things can change in 30 years, say such as financial support instead of stipend so it can be open ended.
 - i. *Comment:* Compensation that is commensurate with market rate could be language for this.
 - j. *Comment:* Like the direction this is going.
 - k. *Comment:* Include youth in priority community members.

- l. *Question:* What is the difference between relevant decision makers and final decision makers? *Response:* This is speaking to the difference between Prosper Portland decisions and Portland Housing Bureau decisions.
 - m. *Question:* Is it possible to do community nominations?
 - n. *Comment:* This working group will help review applications and select the first community leadership committee.
 - o. *Comment:* Programmatically the responsibility for this committee will now be under the mayor with the government restructuring and will need the city administrator and Prosper Portland board to have accountability to the recommending body. There needs to be mutual accountability between community, staff, the board, and the mayor's office.
 - p. *Comment:* Concern around engagement and removal of committee members. Public processes often have people drop out for various reasons. Need a process to reappoint people to sustain an engaged committee.
 - q. *Comment:* Could live in the bylaws and outline what participation means. Contribution can be specified in different ways and ensure that people have capacity to meaningfully contribute to this work.
 - r. *Comment:* Stating the intention in the governance charter feels important and saying that participation is expected seems appropriate.
 - s. *Comment:* Expectation of community leadership committee members to report back to their respective communities is a big responsibility as well. Recognizing that burden is unequally shared and set the intention to handle that in a respectful way.
 - t. *Comment:* Agree, it is a lot to put on people and there is a parallel engagement process that runs with the community leadership committee. The community leadership committee members can provide the connection, but the entire responsibility should not be on them. They can help communicate opportunities and needs for support from the committee and staff.
4. Camille transitioned the committee to continue reviewing the plan document.
- a. *Comment:* Unsure why connectivity and accessibility were pulled out of the infrastructure piece.
 - b. *Comment:* Also unsure, that should be re-added.
 - c. *Question:* What about the language for preferring permanently affordable homeownership programs? *Response:* Maybe it shouldn't be a preference or maybe it should be long-term affordability.
 - d. *Comment:* Housing programs looking to be responsive to community need.
 - e. *Comment:* Looking to be specific about the two programs outlined here. Calling out owning a home as an asset and providing access to homeownership.
 - f. *Comment:* Portland Housing Bureau does have some programs that get into the middle housing categories but above a certain percentage of MFI could go under economic development.
 - g. *Comment:* The affordable housing set aside policy could change and shift over time. Language could accommodate potential changes and nuances in the policy, but this plan will hold the 45% for housing.

- h. *Comment:* With community centers, it is important to recognize who owns them. If it is a government owned community center or nonprofit/community organization owned center.
 - i. *Comment:* Add language about ensuring that existing businesses are not displaced.
 - j. *Comment:* With the Kroger/Albertson merger, this area will be losing grocery stores. There is a need for access to grocery stores and it would be hard to replace that with any community sized resource.
 - k. *Comment:* The market for grocery stores is challenging and depends on forces beyond the control of the community level. Would be good to have flexibility for the kinds of grocery stores because there is a need for access to food but with a focus on culturally/ethnically specific markets and farmers markets.
 - l. *Question:* Is naming the entrance to Kelly Butte potential for investment a priority?
Response: May not make sense to call it out. Could be an accessibility or placemaking project.
 - m. *Comment:* Suggestion to add street trees for infrastructure investment.
 - n. *Comment:* Flagging added language referring to the governance charter.
5. Camille reviewed next steps and closed the meeting.