

East Portland TIF Exploration – E 205
Summary Notes – July 24, 2024

Committee Members: Karen Wolfgang, Krishna Anand, Giovanni Bautista, Sabrina Wilson, Josee Kangabe, Lisha Shrestha, Blanca Jimenez, Claudia Laila Al-Amin (representing Ali Omar Ibrahim/SOS Center)

Staff: Dana DeKlyen, Camille Trummer, Kathryn Hartinger, Kiana Ballo, Paula Byrd, Raul Preciado Mendez

Summary Meeting Notes

1. Camille Trummer welcomed committee members and reviewed the meeting goals and agenda.
2. Camille reviewed the voting process for working groups to decide whether or not to move forward with the legislative process for the current district boundaries, plan, and governance charter. The other options are to stop or to request more time. Any working group member not present can vote via email until 10 am tomorrow.
3. Camille opened the meeting for working group members to provide final comments or raise any questions or concerns.
 - a. Karen Wolfgang asked what the timeline is for the legislative process.
 - b. Dana DeKlyen replied that the documents are currently going through legal review, there will be continued opportunities for tweaking before the beginning of the legislative process that starts with the Prosper Portland board on August 28th. It will go through several public hearings ultimately ending up at City Council at the end of October. The dates will be posted for all public hearings and are subject to change.
 - c. Camille added that it will also go through super notice which is a post card with information about TIF that goes to every address in the city. This is a steep expense that is not budgeted for a potential future process if this group votes to request more time.
 - d. Karen asked how Parkrose voted.
 - e. Dana responded that they voted to move forward.
 - a. Dana reviewed the potential risks of requesting more time. It is uncertain how the remaining jurisdictions would feel about foregoing additional funds in another round of TIF district exploration. Prosper would look to this group to guide what the next phase of engagement looks like and would need to seek additional funding to support any additional engagement. Future council support for this effort is not guaranteed.
 - f. Krishna Anand asked for a quick overview of what the working group is voting on.
 - g. Camille replied that this exploration process has been dedicated to this working group investigating what a TIF district could look like in the East of 205 geography. Today's vote is whether or not to move forward with the package of the boundary, plan, and governance charter that this working group has developed with staff. Moving forward means going through the legislative process to get final approval from City council which would then move forward into 5-year action planning. The reality and the challenge is that if this group decides not to proceed now, there is a risk of encountering a completely different city commission that may not prioritize this as current leadership has.

- h. Dana added that there has been a lot of community engagement with this process, but it really comes down to this group to decide. There will be continued community engagement throughout the legislative process and with the action planning process.
- i. Camille stated that working group members have been expected to vote on this, promote this exploration, and incorporate community voices through this process while steering committee members were expected to provide high level guidance.
- j. Lisha Shrestha asked what the role of working groups after the community leadership committee is formed and what will be the role of working group committee members in selection of the working group members?
- k. Dana replied that in Cully there was a subgroup of the working group that wanted to participate in the selection process of the community leadership committee members in addition to the Prosper Portland board and City Council. In Cully, there was a desire to have a new group of people between the working group and the community leadership committee. This could be different for this group if it was desired to have some continuity between the working group and the community leadership committee. Originally, Cully moved to the community leadership committee and the working group was still available, but they did not have a strong role. It is really helpful to have the people who went through the exploration process to assist in standing up the new district.
- l. Lisha discussed that this group has more context, especially with the neighborhood prosperity network representatives. This group should help transition the community leadership committee.
- m. Giovanni Bautista flagged a couple items in the draft TIF plan. On page 12, this group agreed to remove the language around prioritizing unhoused individuals, not because it isn't important but because that level of prioritization should occur in the action planning process.
- n. Sabrina Wilson supported this.
- o. Giovanni also flagged the need for clarity around what is meant by the word authenticity in the values section.
- p. Dana discussed that she missed that edit in the document and agreed to remove prioritize from the language in that section. Also agreed on the authenticity piece but did not want to remove it since there was no consensus around what to do with that in the previous discussion. Should this be removed?
- q. Lisha discussed that regardless of gender, race, socioeconomic status people can show up with their full identity and the meeting environment should be a welcoming space for people to show up in an authentic way.
- r. Dana asked if that could fit into point 6 – promote and preserve community diversity and cultural identities.
- s. Lisha asked other working group members what they thought.
- t. Josee suggested that it be incorporated in point 5 – Diversity, within and between different communities.
- u. Sabrina stated that this entire process needs to support people in being their authentic selves. The value is that this process/system/project supports authenticity. Nowhere in

the document does it talk about how anyone should be able to come in and engage no matter where they are coming from.

- v. Lisha agreed with Sabrina's point.
- w. Kathryn discussed that there are different ways to add it in existing points or build out the existing point.
- x. Blanca Jimenez agreed with it being kept separate as it is, but fully writing out what it means in terms of how members show up
- y. Lisha agreed to build out the existing point.
- z. Paula Byrd mentioned that it seems like showing up in your authentic self is the core of this point.
 - aa. Kathryn asked if it is about the process and/or the project outcome.
 - bb. Sabrina suggested authenticity is supported and uplifted in the process
 - cc. Krishna added having transparency and awareness throughout the process to build trust over time.
 - dd. Karen asked how does it help maintain the right relationship between all actors going forward to create and maintain this space for everyone to be able to show up with authenticity? How does this create a structure that can last?
 - ee. Kathryn added a point about transparency and trust building and added Sabrina's language to the point about authenticity.
 - ff. Lisha supported Sabrina's language.
 - gg. Approval from committee members regarding added language in the values section.
 - hh. Sabrina suggested in the charter language to include something about a feedback loop, not prescribing what that looks like for every project, but the community leadership committee can determine what that looks like. Under roles and responsibilities, where it talks about Portland Housing Bureau and Prosper Portland add something like the bureaus commit to a feedback loop with the community leadership committee to ensure that there is a commitment to the feedback loop.
 - ii. Sabrina stated there are supportive services needed in addition to the TIF funds, is there a way to have Portland Housing Bureau and Prosper Portland share what they are doing to complement the TIF work? Something referencing that lightly is important to include.
 - jj. Karen agreed connecting efforts to programming. The transparency around the budget and how much of that is going into staffing in the community and in the city. Transparency around the information, committing to have a place to share information.
 - kk. Krishna asked is there a place to access data for how city funding is utilized for the investments Prosper Portland is looking to make in E205.
 - ll. Camille stated that this would be in reports for TIF districts but the way to stay in the loop is through the 5-year action planning process that will be led by a community leadership committee.
 - mm. Dana mentioned that N/NE does have a dashboard for Prosper Portland projects, a similar dashboard could be created for East 205. That does not include Portland Housing Bureau projects. All of the committees have asked about the feedback loop and transparency is key.
 - nn. Krishna asked to confirm if there is a report that shows these things.

- oo. Dana replied that there will be a process for doing this created with the community leadership committee and there is an annual report. This is a task to work with community leadership committees to ensure that this is accomplished in an effective and sustainable way.
 - pp. Krishna asked if the budget process is available somewhere.
 - qq. Dana replied that it is on the Prosper Portland website and there is a community committee for oversight.
 - rr. Karen stated that this is not clear in the governance document.
 - ss. Camille stated that this is what the action planning process is and will be established with the community leadership committee.
 - tt. Kathryn highlighted that some of these elements could be clearer in the action planning section. Added language about metrics and methods of regularly reporting out on metrics, will be co-created as a part of Action Plans.
 - uu. Karen asked about the dollars not just after the fact and it would help to establish anticipated funding ahead of investments. It sounds like the community leadership committee is helping with oversight with the budget.
 - vv. Dana responded yes that is the action planning.
 - ww. Karen stated that the budget is not just investments, and it should be clear.
 - xx. Dana replied with an example of a Property Improvement Program to support small businesses in improving their building. If the committee wants to allocate 25% of the funds for that program, that includes the staffing. It all goes into the same thing. You cannot get the money out the door without funding the staffing.
 - yy. Kathryn added that this is written into the plan under implementation principles under analyze potential investments.
4. Camille transitioned the committee to cast their vote to move forward, not move forward, or request more time.
- i. Lisha Shrestha voted to proceed.
 - ii. Giovanni Bautista voted to proceed.
 - iii. Sabrina Wilson voted to proceed.
 - iv. Krisha Anand on behalf of Unite Oregon requested more time.
 - v. Josee Kangabe voted to proceed.
 - vi. Blanca Jimenez voted to proceed.
 - vii. Claudia Laila Al-Amin on behalf of SOS Center voted to proceed.
 - viii. Karen Wolfgang voted to proceed
- b. Of eight working group members present, seven voted to proceed, one voted to request more time.
- c. There were five working group members not present in the working group meeting who voted via email. Annette Mattson, Jennifer Parrish Taylor, Mike Devlin, and Kristin Romaine voted via email to proceed. Ana Meza chose to abstain. Ken Richardson did not vote.
5. Camille reviewed the next steps with the legislative process and timeline beginning with Prosper Portland Board on August 28th, then to Planning Commission and Council dates in the end of October. Final City Council date on October 30th.
6. Camille discussed the role of the working group members moving forward.

- a. Dana mentioned that this is the last working group meeting. Staff will continue to ensure that the documents are reflective of the working group conversation and schedule time with individuals who are looking to continue engagement in this process. Once any districts are established later this year, then staff will start organizing the community leadership committee and get into action planning.
 - b. Lisha asked how long this group will have access to basecamp.
 - c. Camille replied that working group members should download any documents they want continued access to.
 - d. Dana added that this will stay up at least through the legislative process, this will be communicated with committee members to ensure there is a heads up.
 - e. Paula suggested making a folder for each district to download the documents.
7. Dana thanked the committee for their energy and participation.
- a. Giovanni thanked fellow working group members, staff, and Camille for all of the work related to this effort. This has been a great process.