



Cook County Complete Count Census Commission
Community and Faith Based Organizations Subcommittee

Date: November 14, 2019
Time: 2:10 p.m. – 3:19 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chair McMorris, Vice Chair Anaya, Aisha Davis (Howard Brown Health), Michelle Garcia (Access Living), Cassandra Guice (1 Woodlawn), Phyllis Logan, Anna Marin (PASO West Suburban Action Project), Christina Pacione-Zayas (Erickson Institute), Rev. Harris Sr. (Carey Tercentenary A.M.E Church), Martina Hone (on behalf of Dorri McWhorter YWCA Metropolitan Chicago), Fasika Alem (on behalf of Nancy Asirifi-Otchere, United African Organization), Thakar Basati (Northwest Suburbs Sikh community), Grace Chan (Coalition for a Better Chinese American Community)

SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The November 14th meeting of The Cook County Complete Count Census Commission Community and Faith Based Organizations Subcommittee was convened via an in-person meeting from 2:10 p.m. – 3:19 p.m. The meeting was chaired by Lamell McMorris. This meeting was open to the public, no public comment was given.

II. Public Comment

- a. No public comment was given.

III. Voting on Meeting Minutes from October 16, 2019

- a. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Commissioner Logan, seconded by Vice-Chair Anaya.

IV. Welcome and introduction of new subcommittee members

- a. The Chair and Vice-Chair invited new subcommittee members to introduce themselves and organization.

V. Describe Complete Count Commission and Subcommittee strategic plan

- a. Chair McMorris provided an overview of the subcommittee strategic plan and provided members with an opportunity to provide input.
- b. Vice-Chair Anaya provided background on County Census Commission, status of funding application, and overview of hard to count communities in Cook County



- c. The subcommittee identified various groups that lack representations among the applications submitted including: LGBTQ+, those with limited access to technology, the homeless, veterans, and people living with disabilities.
- d. Commissioners requested hard to count map of County with district boundaries, as well as copy of Program Administrator presentation

VI. Discuss and decide first community meeting/roundtable

- a. Commissioners asked about coordination between city, county, and state and Vice - Chair Anaya explained that leadership at the three levels of government have been meeting to strategically plan outreach
- b. Commissioner Davis requested a database of organizations of County grantees, stated it would be helpful to know who the peer groups are in hard to count communities that the subcommittee can collaborate with.
- c. Commissioner Davis also asked if there is a way to connect groups here with those that need more support. Vice-Chair Anaya explained that the County's Program Administrator can assist with providing resources to communities that won't be funded
- d. Commissioner Pacione-Zayas asked whether consideration is being made to fund the areas of the County with the most hard to count communities.
- e. During planning for roundtable, Tina Hone of YWCA volunteers the organization's space for an event before the end of the year. Said we should be specific with timeline and action steps.
- f. The goal of the first roundtable should be to create a buzz on the information we have and provide updates on what is happening at city, county, and state.
- g. Commissioner Michelle Garcia emphasized the importance of language access and the fact that many people are still confused about citizenship question. Suggested libraries and Access Living as roundtable venues as well.
- h. Tina Hone suggested making early 2020 meetings longer than one hour.

VII. Review Calendar for the Year

- a. The subcommittee agreed on calendar for the year.
- b. Tina Hone suggested making early 2020 meetings longer than one hour.

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Motion was made by Commissioner Logan to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Rev. Harris Sr. Meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m.