



COOK COUNTY COMMISSION ON SOCIAL INNOVATION

December 12, 2019
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Cook County Building
118 N. Clark Street, Room 567 (Cook County Board Room)
Chicago, IL 60602

MINUTES

The December 12th meeting of the Cook County Commission on Social Innovation was convened from 4:00pm-5:50pm. The meeting was chaired by Cook County Commissioner Alma Anaya, Chair of the Commission on Social Innovation. This meeting was open to the public.

Commission Members Present:

- Commissioner Alma Anaya
- Kristi DeLaurentiis
- Marc Loveless
- Sol Anderson
- Geri Aglipay
- Xochitl Espinosa
- Ald. Maria Hadden

- Xochitl Flores
- Morgan Malone
- Howard Males
- Rodger Cooley
- Harold Rice
- Karin Norrington-Reaves
- Christyn Freemon

Commission Staff Present:

- Nadia Ismail
- Victoria Moreno

- Also present were committee members Nolan Mims, David Cherry, and Michael Woyan.
- Presentation by Jay Readey of RW Ventures
 - Southland Development Authority: Catalyzing Economic Growth in the South Suburbs
 - The Southland Development Authority is a new entity which launched the South Suburban Economic Growth Initiative.
 - This initiative hopes to address disinvestment and fragmentation of the south suburbs and seize on opportunities for growth in the region. This strategy includes revitalizing existing physical infrastructure, such as rail, capacity building to prepare for growth, and the expansion of civic infrastructure.
- Approval of the Minutes
 - A motion to approve the November 14, 2019 meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Males and seconded by Commissioner Brutus. The minutes were approved through a unanimous voice-vote of the Commission.

➤ Updates from Chair

- New Appointment:
In this meeting, Kristi De Laurentiis was welcomed to the Commission by the Chair. Commissioner De Laurentiis is the Executive Director of the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association (SSMMA). The ordinance which established the Commission on Social Innovation states that a member of SSMMA shall be among the members of the Commission.
- Letter in Support of the Fair Transit for the South Suburbs Pilot Program:
A letter on behalf of the Commission to the Cook County President and Board of Commissioners was finalized in this meeting. Commissioner De Laurentiis made a recommendation which was included in the final letter.
- SNAP Benefits:
 - 50,000 residents of Cook County risk losing their Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits in 2020. The Chair asked if the Commission members would be interested in taking-up this issue in their work. Members agreed that this issue is a priority which they would like to add the goals of the Commission and committees.
- Addition to the Social Innovation Commissioner's Guide:
 - The Social Innovation Commissioner's Guide was updated to include rules regarding political activity. This addition outlines the rules for Cook County employees and partners according the Cook County Ethics Ordinance.

➤ Annual Report

- The Annual Report has been submitted to the Cook County Board for receive and file.

➤ Committee Updates:

- Social and Human Capital Committee is continuing work on recession proofing, employment rubric planning. They are also looking to expand membership.
- The Intellectual Capital Committee is continuing work on engagement with government and follow-up with past Commission presenters.

➤ A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Males and seconded by Commissioner Norrington-Reaves