



COOK COUNTY COMMISSION ON SOCIAL INNOVATION

July 30, 2020
3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting
MINUTES

I. Welcome

The July 30th meeting of the Cook County Commission on Social Innovation was convened via an in-person meeting from 3:36pm - 5:22pm. The meeting was chaired by Cook County Commissioner Alma Anaya, Chair of the Commission on Social Innovation. This meeting was open to the public. There was no public comment.

Commission Members Present:

- Commissioner Alma Anaya
- Morgan Malone
- Patrick Brutus
- Wendy Raymer
- Christyn Freemon
- Howard Males
- Geri Aglipay
- Xochitl Espinosa
- Xochitl Flores
- Rodger Cooley
- Sol Anderson
- Kristi DeLaurentiis
- Karin Norrington-Reaves
- John Yonan
- Ana Guajardo

Commission Members Present:

- Nadia Ismail

2. Approval of the Minutes

- a. A motion to approve the February 20, 2020 meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Flores and seconded by Commissioner Aglipay. The minutes were approved through a unanimous voice-vote of the Commission.

3. Updates from the Chair

- a. A moment of silence was held for former Commission member Marc Loveless, who passed away in March 2020.
- b. Chair provided overview of briefings held with Commissioner in June to discuss the County's response to COVID-19 and hear about the individual work of Commissioners.

4. Presentation from Bureau of Economic Development (BED) on Initiatives in Response to COVID-19

- a. BED provided an overview of their Community Recovery Initiative small business loan and technical assistance program launched in Spring 2020

- b. BED received \$82M from Cook County through federal CARES Act funding and is developing initiatives in the areas of Business Recovery and Community Recovery in collaboration with various partners
- c. Business Recovery will focus on Small Business, Workforce, and Manufacturing Initiatives
 - i. Small Business – Goal to support small businesses in Suburban Cook through grants and technical assistance in partnership with business service organizations
 - 1. Total of \$12.6M in grants, \$10,000 maximum for individual grants
 - ii. Workforce – BED giving \$4M to Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership to support job training, suburban job centers and community colleges, and pilot program with Manufacturing Renaissance
 - iii. Manufacturing – BED is partnering with federally designated manufacturing extension partnerships in IL to identify urgent needs through Manufacturing Census
 - 1. Will provide analysis to County with recommendations on how to support
- d. Community Recovery will focus on Critical Social Services and a Housing Initiative
 - i. Critical Social Services – Focus on supporting suburban homeless systems
 - 1. Will support organization with HUD certified counselors and utility assistance
 - 2. Partnering with Greater Chicago Food Depository in food assistance
 - ii. Housing Initiative – BED working with Housing Authority of Cook County to accept applications for rental and mortgage assistance
 - 1. This will be a grant program where funds go directly to landlord or mortgage holder
 - iii. Partnering with CEDA on utility assistance and Family Independence Initiative on financial assistance

5. New Business

- a. Chair invited members to provide announcements & opportunities
 - i. Commissioner Anderson described the IL Cash Coalition, hoping to expand across city and state
 - ii. Commissioner Raymer announced hiring event at CARA
 - iii. Commissioner Brutus announced Invest/Southwest RFP extension
- b. Commissioners discussed challenges small business and cooperatives face in accessing assistance from Payment Protection Program. Will convene a meeting to discuss needs of worker cooperatives further.
- c. Chair announced that Committees can continue to meet, advised Chairs to contact staff
- d. Next meeting date will be August 27th, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

6. Adjourn

- a. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Brutus and seconded by Commissioner Raymer. Adjournment was approved via a unanimous voice-vote.
- b. The meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.