



COOK COUNTY COMMISSION ON SOCIAL INNOVATION

September 17, 2020
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

1. Welcome

The September 17th meeting of the Cook County Commission on Social Innovation was convened via an in-person meeting from 4:10pm-5:39pm. The meeting was chaired by Cook County Commissioner Alma Anaya, Chair of the Commission on Social Innovation. There was no public comment.

Commission Members Present:

- Commissioner Alma Anaya
- Harry Alston
- John Yonan
- Xochitl Flores
- Ana Guajardo
- Howard Males
- Rodger Cooley
- Wendy Raymer
- Harold Rice
- Christyn Freemon
- Patrick Brutus
- Kristi De Laurentiis
- Ald. Maria Hadden
- Xochitl Espinosa
- Geri Aglipay

Commission Staff Present:

- Yesenia Lopez
- Victoria Moreno

2. Public Comment

No public comment was received for this meeting.

3. Approval of the Minutes

- a. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Brutus and was seconded by Commissioner Males. The Commission approved the August 27, 2020 meeting minutes through a unanimous voice-vote.

4. Updates from the Chair

- a. Office of the Chair has a new UIC Public Policy Fellow, Daniela Guerrero, who will be assisting with the Commission and may be in contact with members
- b. Chair shared that President's Budget Recommendation will be released October 8th. Details will be shared with Commission as they become available and there is possibility for Commission to submit public comment.

5. Identify Strategic Goals

- a. Commission reviewed strategic goals from last year, current status, and focus areas moving forward
- b. Public Capital – County is thinking about how to make the future of transit more accessible via a share fare card system, for example. Will be reviewing recent Chicago reports on equitable transit-oriented development. To move projects like Lincoln Highway Corridor along, need to explore how government can leverage the private sector

- c. Financial Capital – Want to make recommendations on certain budget areas and align efforts with County’s COVID-19 recovery plan and technical assistance for businesses and communities. Will have continued commitment to worker cooperatives and want to learn more about County’s digital equity efforts.
- d. Social & Human Capital – Will explore economic recession prep, and how to develop and more robust and sustainable social safety net that addresses the racial wealth gap
- e. Intellectual Capital – Focus should continue to be on participatory governance toolbox and digital connectivity as it relates to everyday interactions with government
- f. Commission also reviewed County-wide priority areas to brainstorm how to align efforts

6. Committee Reports

- a. Chair requested for Committees to reconvene in October and contact office with next meeting dates

7. New Business

- a. Chair reminded Commission of Open Meeting Act certificate requirement and Commission policy of 3 absences per year
- b. Chair reminded Commission that there is still opportunity to respond to the Census
- c. Commissioner Raymer described successful hiring event that had been organized by BMO and CARA
- d. Representative from Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership mentioned upcoming announcement of 31 community-based organizations that would receive funding for contact tracing.
 - i. Had received over 20,000 applications for jobs, 150 people hired so far
 - ii. Wrapped up 7-month process with Justice Advisory Council on coordinated re-entry system and have recommendations for State and County

8. Adjourn

- a. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Raymer and seconded by Commissioner Rice.
- b. The meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.