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COOK COUNTY COMMISSION ON SOCIAL INNOVATION

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**Thursday November 12, 2020
4:00 p.m – 6:00 p.m
Virtual Meeting
MINUTES**

1. Welcome

The November 12th meeting of the Cook County Commission on Social Innovation was convened from 4:06pm-5:21pm. The meeting was chaired by Cook County Commissioner Alma E. Anaya, Chair of the Commission on Social Innovation. This meeting was open to the public.

Commission Members Present:

- Commissioner Alma Anaya
- Carrie Thomas
- Harold Rice
- Howard Males
- John Yonan
- Morgan Malone
- Wendy Raymer

- Xochitl Flores
- Rodger Cooley
- Geri Aglipay

Commission Staff Present:

- Victoria Moreno
- Yessenia Lopez

2. Public Comment

No Public Comment was received this meeting.

3. Approval of the Minutes

Due to there not being quorum, no motion was made to approve the minutes from the September meeting.

4. Updates from the Chair

- Chair informed members that Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle presented the County's proposed budget of \$6.9 billion for FY'21. The Cook County Board of Commissioners is scheduled to vote on the budget on November 24th. If commissioners are interested in writing a support letter or present an amendment, please communicate with Victoria Moreno or Yessenia Lopez.

- b. Chair shared that the proposed budget includes a \$20 million investment for the Bureau of Economic Development (BED) to assist businesses and residents in need, and \$20 million in justice reform through Justice Advisory Council (JAC).

5. Strategic Planning for Commission

- a. Public Capital – Priorities that have not been addressed by the County include shared fair transit card, equitable transit orientated development, and the Lincoln Highway Industrial Corridor. Next steps include identifying the various stakeholders to bring to the table to get things moving and figure out how the Commission’s goals can be attainable in a timely manner.
- b. Social and Human Capital – Priorities that are being addressed by the County include the leverage of the County’s procurement, community wealth building/racial wealth gap, shared ownership and development of a sustained social safety net. Many of these areas also need external support. The priority of an economic recession prep has not been addressed by the County at the moment.
- c. Financial Capital – The following priorities are being addressed by the County: technical assistance for businesses and communities, and understanding of digital equity efforts. While the following areas need external support: worker cooperatives support, and leveraging of Opportunity Zone. Also, the review of the County’s relief program application process for small businesses, and address any complexities identified.
- d. Intellectual Capital – Digital equity and connectivity with government is being addressed by the County through the formation of the Council on Digital Equity (CODE). A priority that needs external support is the development of a participatory governance toolbox. Even though some of these items have been addressed during the pandemic, it is important to create a great infrastructure.

6. New Business

- a. Commission will not hold a meeting in December. Commissioner Anaya and her office are looking into having meetings every other month.
- b. Commissioner Anaya asked for Committees to send proposed meeting dates to her office.

7. Adjourn

- a. A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Rice and second by Commissioner Yonan.
- b. The meeting adjourned at 5:21 pm.