

10-22-15 TRANSIT EQUITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Committee members in attendance

Andre Baugh
Bridget Dazey
Roberta Hunte (Co-chair)
Ana Meza
Nicole Phillips

Staff in attendance

Shelley Devine, General Counsel
Ryan McBee, Diversity & Transit Equity Intern
Jake Warr, Diversity & Transit Equity Policy Advisor

Guest in attendance

Dylan Kenney, Multnomah Youth Commission
Eavan Moore, OPAL/BRU

Call to Order: called to order at 4.30 PM

Update

- Jake announced that a new director for the Diversity and Transit Equity Department, John Gardner from Worksystems Inc, has been hired. He will begin on Monday November 16th.

Member Expectations

- What are the expectations? Who do we need to be reaching out to at this table? What does it mean to be a member of TEAC? New membership?
- Jake mentioned having a rep from the Oregon Food Bank?
- Nicole mentioned that food banks are working to find out what their clients other needs are, like transportation
- Andre said that there was an intentional thought about having a committee of people that could bring some weight to the board, (heads of organizations) something that says "group x is in support of this plan!" having a balance between users of services and those that draft policies
- Andre said food bank rep sounds like a good addition to the committee
- Dylan asked about current member representation
- Roberta explained the current membership of the committee, and which organizations they represent
- Dylan said it would be good to bring in a policy person from the food bank
- Bridget said we need to have more Clackamas and Washington County perspectives
- Anna mentioned we should expand our size of committee, consider subcommittee membership too
- Andre asked about working with Housing Authority to get committee members
- Bridget said subcommittees are important, maybe have forums
- Dylan suggested having video conferences, and Jake responded that we have had conference calls, and that videos can be a technical hurdle, but are certainly possible

- Roberta: we need to make our meetings more flexible, so we can get more attendance, let's get our 6 new members, if we have more additions, we can exceed that number
- Roberta has been talking with a person from Oregon Trades Women, and a person from JOIN
- Jake said there is no application, just a meeting with Neil and Diversity Director, but TEAC co-chairs have said they want more control about selecting and adding new members
- Bridget mentioned creating categories, and then filling a category with a member
- Categories: private sector, labor, business, CBO's, Education, Government Agencies, (local, state, county) and keep a balance between these groups, making sure populations served are best represented fairly
- Want a diverse board, make sure to keep this in mind
- Andre noted that businesses are a good addition, but think of ones that are transit dependent, places like health care, and grocery stores
- Current Categories: education, (Roberta and Judi), transit dependent (Dylan, Ana, Nicole), Government (Andre) CBO's (Nicole)
- We need to focus on Clackamas County, Washington County and business
- Roberta said she would send out an email about finding new members, and inviting those new people to TEAC
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Public Comment

- Eavan mentioned how to look for different demographics, should be thinking of youth, honored citizens, and low income

eFare

- Jake gave brief description of Title Vi, and how it relates to EFARE
- We have 5 CBO's, working with them doing focus groups, trying to get their feedback
- Jake said it is too late to get a Clackamas CBO, given the timeline
- CBO Forum: EFARE 101, specific policies that will be changing (differences from today) and then solicit feedback, (how to make it as accessible as possible)
- TEAC already changed the cash transfer idea, and has kept cash transfers alive
- BOARD decision has been extended by a month to February, for a first reading and the March meeting will have the second reading
- Nicole asked how can a policy be informed if policy is nonexistent? Jake said policies can be discussed, retooled
- Jake said Clackamas representation is something worth having a conversation about
- Nicole asked about what is the point of getting feedback if there are systematic designs that can't be changed?
- Andre noted that some decisions are already locked in, but we should have community know as much as possible
- Andre asked about the measures of success? what standards are there? if things go somewhat wrong, how will you recover?
- If you can't get EFARE passes, and it costs too much money to buy in, then you potentially create areas where people can't get their card refilled
- Jake said Trimet will look at market penetration, and also saving money on fare collection (handling cash fares)
- Goal: cut down on fare collection, and then moving forward technologically

- Andre mentioned drafting TEAC concerns with EFARE, and to have it worked on for the next two months, Jake said it should be done before that, so have it done sooner so staff could review it, maybe by December
- Moving Forward: Roberta said maybe send an email to TEAC, have committee email them to the Title Vi committee, and have them draft a letter
- Jake said it would be good to have a concrete clear deliverable
- Bridget said that TEAC should attend the board meeting when EFARE Title Vi is presented
- Jake said he would look identifying a Clackamas CBO, Bridget noted it could be a waste of time now since the timeline is so short
- Dylan suggested a community forum at a Clackamas school
- Bridget said she could talk to housing authority partners and see if there's a potential group to meet with
- CBO's looking to have focus groups between nov 12 and 30th, ideal number is 6 to 10 people

ADJOURNMENT: meeting adjourned at 6.32 PM