

African American Equity Restoration Task Force

Community Empowerment

Regular Meeting

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~ Agenda ~ 5:00 PM

Monday, July 11, 2022

Pellissippi State Community College

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. ROLL CALL R. Olum, G Underwood, T. F. Baker, S. Taylor, B. Lyons, M. Best, D. Porter,

Absent/Excused - Gwen McKenzie, Brandon Hardin, D. Miller

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - M. Best, R. Olum - Motion Carried

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EXTRAORDINARY MATTERS

Stella Bridgeman, Dean - PSTCC Magnolia Campus - Welcome the Task Force

4b. – L. Emerson An Olds, M. Best – Motion Carried (Amendment)

Invited by G. Underwood - Summer Project Grad - Tiny Homes for the Homeless Presentation

Liveable Spaces for the Homeless - Presentation - The Problem

5. STAFF REPORT

C. Lomax – No Individual to report at this meeting – finalizing this particular position. A Panel of individuals for the interviews. Have narrowed it down to a responsible number of people. The role of the panel is to make a recommendation to the Mayor.

a. Grant Specialist Position – see above

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Executive No report
- b. Community Engagement No Report -
- c. Investment No report

7. PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS

- a. By-Laws Review and Amendment
- Bylaws C. Lomax Finalize the copy of the bylaws. Any other suggestions for the bylaws. G. Underwood proposed some additions/changes
- T. Baker Article 3 Meeting Place First meeting at Pellissippi State Permanent Home like to have the meetings in the community. Spread the meeting throughout the community. Possible 3or 4 locations.
- Section 4 8 Agreed upon
- Section 9A. Discussion and Debate -
 - C. In the Administrative Rules Public Forum and access on the website to leave comments.
- Section 10C Withdrawals Causing problems in the Taskforce B. Lyons moved to remove 10C.highlights Seconded by G.Underwood Motion carried
- Section 10D OK
- ARTICLE 4 Section 1 Officers to include Ex Vice Chair Asst Secretary; to be added when bylaws are approved. Add to Section 7
- Secteion 2-7 OK
- Section 9 Election of Officers OK
- Section 10 Membership Terms OK "One renewal term or we satisfied with One Renewal Term -
- Section 11 Mid-term departures per G. Underwood.
- Nomination for mid-term or vacated in the middle of term opted to go with the 11 members. Add the or vacates the position to the bylaws. Do we need to vote on the members for the Ordinance.
- ARTICLE 5 Section 1 Four members of the Task Force (two elected officers "chair, secretary, and two other membrs of the Task Force"
- 2-4 Do we need to have other committees T. Baker (no need)
- 3A Investment Committee To bring definition to next meeting.
- Ad Hoc Committee Can Add through Ad Hoc
- ARTICLE 6 –9 Community Empowerment OK
- ARTICLE 10 Amendments G. Underwood two readings and 2/3 votes of the members of the Task Force (language to be added to the bylaws for the next meeting

Bylaws to be voted on at the next meeting – 4 days prior to the meeting per C. Lomax

- b. Fiscal Sponsor T. Baker Who is going to manage and have the funds to handle for the organization
- G. Underwood Application for funds vs. giving funds to
- C. Lomax gave an additional explanation Diverse make-up –

Discussion on Fiscal Sponsor and looking at the Urban – G. Underwood wants another conversation with the Urban League (Phyllis Nichols) on two – UW and KAUL. Would the Urban League be interested in being the fiscal agent.

Discussion - TFB -

TFB - Next Steps - Ask the Urban League -

M. Best - Further Discussion

D Porter - Public Forum Comments

Dr. Lomax Engage in the conversation with the Urban League and United Way

Anderson Olds - Discussion -

C. Lomax – Mange the money if there are too many sponsors.

8. PUBLIC FORUM -

Stephan White – How outside the public forum – can the public engage with the task force. – Can the bylaws be made available on line for the public? – create a portal online for the public. Was not able to see the notes of the previous meetings. Address questions from the community through public forum.

Rehsa Mehta- public forum

Worked for a federal Agency and a non-profit - Fiscal Sponsor and values and goals of the Taskforce - will they a line with the investment committee's duties - MOU - who handles the United Ways team or board.

TFB - How do we engage with members at public forum? Listen to what is shared with members to hear and listen to what is being said.

TFB – Addressed Mr. White's Concerns – Community Engagement Committee will have an event to address the public. CTV – and on our website.

Email to TFB from Vivian U. Shipe - TFB will respond to Vivian u. Shipe

Multiple Conversations to Task Force members need to send to Mr. Lomax because of violating the Sunshine Law.

9. ADJOURNMENT -

7:01- moved by M. Best - A. Olds

Next Meeting: August 8 at 5:00pm at TBD