



EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE ADVISORY BOARD

AGENDA

Thursday, May 27, 2021

3:00 - 5:00 pm

Webex

ATTENDEES: Willard Brown, Cassie Chinn, Cote Soerens, Gregory Davis, César Garcia Garcia, Quynh Pham, Regina Dove, Yordanos Teferi, *EDI Advisory Board Members*; Monisha Harrell, *Facilitator*; Patrice Thomas, Michael Blumson, Katie Sheehy, *EDI staff*

Welcome & Introductions

Multiple Board members noted that they had conflicts and would need to leave the meeting early; Monisha would work through the agenda quickly so we could adjourn at 4:30.

Board Logistics

Board members used a Webex poll to vote on a regularly meeting day, but we couldn't find a time that didn't have hard conflicts for at least one of the board members so staff will send out a doodle poll.

The board discussed options for the first EDI Board Retreat. They agreed to look for time after the EDI RFP review. Recognizing that meetings during the summer are always a challenge, staff will try to find time for the retreat in late July. Board members agreed that it would be best to set priorities before the new mayoral administration.

Reminder to complete the online training. We will have additional opportunities for training as necessary and based on topics of interest for board members.

Monisha noted that while bylaws can seem somewhat mundane, they will establish an important foundation for future EDI Advisory Boards.

EDI Advisory Board Work Plan

Patrice asked for initial feedback on the work plan. Board members request that the work plan items get put on a timeline that would help sequence of topics, for example determining accountability prior to discussing bylaws.

Draft work plan items

- EDI Community Contracts Management (~60 projects)
- EDI Fund coordination
- Mutual and Offsetting Benefits Agreements
- EDI Advisory Board permanent structure
- Strategic Investment Fund
- Duwamish Valley Action Program
- Equitable TOD strategy

- Equity Indicators Reports & Participatory Research Program
- Advisory Board strategic planning, evaluation, and administrative support
- Comprehensive EDI funding strategy (short term rental tax, strategic investment fund, payroll tax)
- Compensation model for EDI Advisory Board, community, and consultants
- Support for new Indigenous Planner position
- Elevate Indigenous Seattle Program Stakeholder Goals
- King County Real Estate and Organizational Development series

Monisha clarified that not all members of the advisory board would be involved in reviewing the EDI proposals received through the Request for Proposals (RFP) and the Strategic Investment Fund (SIF) because some people might have conflicts that prevent them from being reviewers. Staff will provide an overview of the RFP and SIF processes at the next meeting.

Board members requested strategic engagement with other values-aligned City commissions/boards/groups. The Cultural Space Agency was noted as an organization that is closely aligned with the EDI. Staff agreed that meeting in person this fall seems like a good opportunity to start collaboration. Patrice noted that members of other boards/commissions have provided recommendations about this board; they are excited that the EDI Advisory Board is formalized!

Board members noted that the previous Comprehensive Plan update set context for RSET and the EDI Advisory Board. It will be important for the board to play a strong role in the plan update because currently BIPOC communities do not see themselves in the future of the city. Staff will add the Comprehensive Plan update to the work plan and provide a Comp Plan 101 training. Coordination with the Planning Commission will be important because they are the official stewards of the Comprehensive Plan. Staff noted that the [Seattle 2035 Background Report \(pdf\)](#) provides a good overview of the plan. OPCD has contracted with PolicyLink to provide an equity analysis of Seattle's Urban Village Strategy, so we will put that on an upcoming agenda as well.

Board members talked about neighborhood plan updates – e.g. [Delridge's neighborhood plan](#), which identifies neighborhood priorities. The planning process included a [Health Impact Assessment \(pdf\)](#) in partnership with King County Public Health. Board members are really interested in having community-led neighborhood planning efforts where the City provides support to community organizations rather than leading the plan. This ties back to what accountability looks like for the EDI Advisory Board – holding the City accountable to implementing previous plans and commitments to communities e.g. the Garfield Superblock. Board members noted that the CID has experienced many roadblocks in regard to developing a neighborhood plan. Board members agreed that implementation is key and that community priorities need to be actualized by the City.

Board members asked for a map of the fiscal future. What are the tax bases and levels of funding anticipated to be overseen by the EDI? Staff noted that the \$30M Strategic Investment Fund is from the sale of the Mercer Mega Block and will work to map out the anticipated funding for 2022-2025.

Board members requested an update from Diana Canzoneri, the City's demographer, about the [Displacement Risk Indicators](#). Staff will schedule a report from Diana this fall after the Comp Plan 101 and before the plan update begins.

The board discussed when the 2020 Census data would be available and how it will be used to update City Council District boundaries. When resources get allocated by district, the boundaries do matter. There are communities where we'll want to make sure they don't get split. Staff noted that

the process is just getting started and will be added to a future agenda. Staff will also ask about having reciprocal seats on that committee and this board.

At the next board meeting, the roles and responsibilities of each board member will be on the agenda. This will help identify who is conflicted out of the RFP and SIF review. A board member noted that there was a lack of clarity around what wealth-building means in terms of the EDI board priorities. They explained that there was supposed to be a work plan to incorporate that into the RFP review process. Establishing a definition of wealth-building will go on the next agenda.

Monisha noted that two sets of minutes will need to be approved at the next meeting.

Board members expressed good healing thoughts for Lindsay and her daughter, who is in the hospital.

A board member asked if the board set up to write a letter to Mayor and Council to be part of the budget? Staff noted that this will be discussed at the retreat later this summer. Board members would also like to review investment of federal funding. EDI Communities fared really poorly in PPE funding, so we do need to advocate for additional funding that goes to communities who have been most harmed by the pandemic and historic lack of investments. Board members will need to advocate with City leaders. This will be a work plan discussion before the budget season. Board members expressed an interest in establishing a strategic plan related to EDI sources of revenue and the shortfalls. The EDI Advisory Board advocates for our communities.

Public Comment

There was no public comment and the meeting was adjourned at 4:20.