



Regional Equity Initiative Subcommittee Meeting

July 26, 2022 * 2:30 p.m.

Agenda

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Topic</u> | <u>Est. Time</u> | <u>Presenter</u> |
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| I. | Welcome & Opening Remarks | 2:30 | Rap Hankins |
| II. | Regional Equity Initiative Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miami Valley Environmental Justice Academy featured on Fitz Center for Leadership in Community: Community Connections July 2022 Newsletter • Connecting with Huber Heights City Council and Beaver Creek Township Land Use Plan Steering Committee to support equity efforts • DEIB Engagement (June 2022) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Served as Sponsor and Table Captain for 2022 African-American Community Fund Breakfast Meeting; included representation from the City of Trotwood, Ebenezer Healthcare Access, Five Rivers MetroParks, Learn to Earn Dayton, Montgomery County, and Public Health | 2:35 | Fabrice Juin |
| III. | Follow-Up on Major Themes from Insight Listening Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing region-wide participation: “County Ambassadors” • Fostering common understanding of what “regional equity” means | 2:40 | Fabrice Juin |
| IV. | Follow-Up on Previous Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leveraging Affordable Connectivity Program to combat broadband inequity region-wide: “Technology & Connectivity Workgroup” • Establishing demographic database for subcommittee membership and addressing any lack of representation: Review of membership roster form • Hosting subcommittee meeting in various member counties | 2:55 | Fabrice Juin |
| V. | Regional Equity Calendar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being populated with both regional and national engagement opportunities • Considering the facilitation/coordination of annual “Equity Series” | 3:10 | Fabrice Juin |
| VI. | National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program | 3:25 | Katie Zehnder HNTB |
| VII. | Round Robin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other Institute Updates • Upcoming Equity Engagements | 3:55 | All Participants |
| VIII. | Closing Remarks | 4:00 | Rap Hankins |

****August 2022 Recess; The NEXT MEETING is September 27th, 2022****

**MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
REGIONAL EQUITY INITIATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**1401 S. Main St., Dayton, OH
Zoom Conference/Video Call
(<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83798452238>)**

**June 28, 2022
2:30 PM**

REI Subcommittee Members Present

Michael Carter, Sinclair Community College
Erica Fields, Dayton Human Relations Council
Tom Maultsby, United Way
Mike Parks, The Dayton Foundation
Michael Roediger, Dayton Art Institute
Judge Walter Rice, U.S. Federal Courts
Terra Fox Williams, Public Health – Dayton &
Montgomery County

Other Guests Present

Tania Arseculeratne, The Dayton Foundation
Dennis Grant, United Rehabilitation Services
Amy Piner, Montgomery County
Rich Schultze, Retired
Belinda Stenson, Dayton Area Chamber of
Commerce
Courtney Rutledge, Advocates for Basic Equality /
Legal Aid of Western Ohio
Barbra Stonerock, The Dayton Foundation
Noreen Willhelm, The Dayton Foundation

Staff

Fabrice Juin
Stacy Schweikhart

The Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission hosted the Regional Equity Initiative Subcommittee call on May 24, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. at the Fitz Center for Leadership in Community located at 1401 S. Main St., Dayton, OH and via Zoom Video Conference (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83798452238>).

I. WELCOME, SELF-INTRODUCTIONS, AND OPENING REMARKS

REI Program Manager Fabrice Juin called the meeting to order at 2:30pm. Self-introductions were made.

II. REGIONAL EQUITY INITIATIVE UPDATES

A. Environmental Justice Academy

REI Program Manager Fabrice Juin provided a recap of the final two engagements of the Environmental Justice Academy; the visit to the Edgemont Solar Garden on June 3rd and the Miami Valley EJA Graduation Ceremony on June 4th which included a total of 21 graduates. Representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency shared positive feedback on the execution of the program. Next steps include moving forward with

awarded Piranha Bowl projects and establishing continuation group. Currently collecting participant feedback.

B. “Equity Events Calendar” to “Regional Equity Calendar”

REI Program Manager Fabrice Juin announced official name change of “Equity Events Calendar” to “Regional Equity Calendar”, recommended by Regional Equity Training Workgroup facilitated by Barbra Stonerock during June 2022 meeting.

C. DEIB Engagement (May 2022)

REI Program Manager Fabrice Juin shared efforts around diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging that Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission staff were engaged in during May 2022; included recognition of Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month and Mental Health Awareness Month.

III. REI Subcommittee Insight Listening Session

REI Program Manager Fabrice Juin shared a brief recap of the insight listening session and SWOT analysis that was conducted at the May 2022 meeting.

A. Establishing region-wide participation

Suggestions were made by various Subcommittee members to pursue the formal inclusion of Indigenous representation within Subcommittee membership. Stephanie Van Hoose was named as a potential candidate.

B. Fostering common understanding of what “regional equity” means

Michael Carter shared the World Health Organization definition of equity as a baseline; “the absence of avoidable or remediable differences among populations or groups defined socially, economically, demographically, or geographically”.

C. Facilitating subcommittee action and mobilizing community resources

Judge Walter Rice suggested the convening of sub-workgroups or advisory groups to address matters of interests that REI decides to pursue.

IV. New Recommendation(s) to REI Subcommittee

A. Leveraging Affordable Connectivity Program to combat broadband inequity region-wide

Subcommittee approved this recommendation, and expressed the necessity for this matter to be approached via the lenses of 1) promotion, 2) education and 3) infrastructure. Stacy Schweikhart shared anticipated complications with making this resource accessible to those living in complex-based housing. Learn to Earn Dayton and library systems were mentioned as potential collaborative entities to support this cause.

B. Establishing demographic database for subcommittee membership and addressing any lack or representation

Subcommittee approved this recommendation. Suggestions were made by Subcommittee members to pursue the formal inclusion of Indigenous representation within Subcommittee membership. Stephanie Van Hoose was named as a potential candidate. Suggestions were made by Subcommittee members to add more community representation (beyond those in formal positions of influence) to Subcommittee membership.

C. Hosting subcommittee meeting in various member counties

Subcommittee approved this recommendation. Subcommittee members expressed the importance of the regional community being informed on the existence of the Institute for Livable & Equitable Community and its mission/goals.

V. Meeting Approach for FY23

Per recommendation by REI Program Manager Fabrice Juin and based on the observed drawbacks of a hybrid meeting approach, the Subcommittee agreed to proceed with either a full in-person approach or a full remote approach. After brief discussion, consensus was reached in favor of monthly meetings occurring fully remote for the entirety of FY23.

VI. Round Robin

REI Program Manager Fabrice Juin announced Mary Tyler's departure from REI Subcommittee membership, and thanked current members and participants for their continued commitment.

Rich Schulze expressed the potential to leverage current events in the nation impacting nation-wide equity to enhance community engagement with the Institute for Livable & Equitable Communities.

VII. NEXT STEPS AND CLOSING REMARKS

REI Program Manager Fabrice Juin thanked everyone for the discussion and adjourned the meeting at 3:51pm.

Katie Zehnder, PE, PTOE, AICP
Vice President



Katie Zehnder, PE, PTOE, AICP leads teams to achieve innovative and complex transportation infrastructure and modernization programs. Since supporting the 2016 Smart Columbus win, she has grown an emerging mobility solutions and smart cities practice for HNTB in Ohio that serves the country. Currently her team is focused on the creation of statewide electric vehicle, freight electrification, and Advanced Air Mobility plans as well as smart city and bus electrification fleet transition plans.

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