



MINUTES

ECI Task Force Meeting

Friday, February 19, 2021

2:00pm – 4:00pm

TIME	DESCRIPTION	LENGTH
2:06 PM – 2:20 PM	<p>Welcome / Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll Call • Statement of Purpose poll • Introduction (<i>Get-to-know Task Force – 2 minutes</i>) <p>- <i>ECI Task Force will begin to implement 2 minutes for introductions in hopes to build connection with other Task Force members.</i></p> <p>- <i>Task Force voted to approve the purpose/vision statement clarifying intention of “decentering” whiteness and “centering” Black & Indigenous peoples in investment recommendations. The statement reads as follows: “There exists in the United States a mainstream culture with Whiteness / White people at the center. Decentering Whiteness requires dismantling a system that has become the status quo by taking whiteness out of the “center” to join other racial/cultural groups that have been relegated to the margins. The onset of COVID-19 has reaffirmed the need for our government, communities, and institutions to “center” those among us who are most vulnerable and marginalized. This means strategically identifying resources and support systems relevant to Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) in our response, recovery, and the building of an equitable society. The Equitable Communities Initiative Task Force was launched to spearhead investments in Black, Indigenous, and people of color communities to address the deep disparities caused by systemic racism and institutionalized oppression. ECI Task Force recommendations will center Black and Indigenous people in recognition of the unique lived experiences, inequities, and disproportionalities – both historical and present day – they have had to endure.”</i></p> <p>- <i>17 members in attendance voted in agreement / 0 voted against.</i></p>	14 minutes
2:20 PM – 3:26 PM	<p>Rating/Scoring Core Priority Investment Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Group Breakouts (40min / Report out 10min) • Narrowing/Refining Investment areas • Rating Investments 	66 minutes

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Small group breakouts asked to rank proposed recommendations of four core priority (refer to pre-read chart attached for tally results) - Small group report out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <u>Business Development & Job Training</u>: desire to consolidate priorities into two categories – (1) community land trust & (2) business / work development, support programs for supporting the green economy, and support PDA's which includes work force and business development. o <u>Health Disparities</u>: desire for funding for culturally centered health models for substance & behavioral health. o <u>Educational Disparities</u>: propose investments in anchor institutions to help consolidate potential recommendations, create cultural curriculum which provides pressure to the school board for cultural education, implement alternative education centered programs for youth with incarceration in their background, invest in youth summer jobs / internships, and include undocumented youth in making recommendations. o <u>Affordable Housing</u>: desire to consolidate potential recommendations made, create / invest in socially maintained and directed housing, suggestion for the city to cosign for leases / provide stipends for housing, provide access to information regarding affordable housing being built by the cities \$1.7 billion investment announced December 2017. - Facilitation Team is coordinating presentations with the city regarding status of investments the city is making in each of the four core priority areas. 	
<p>3:26 PM – 4:03 PM</p>	<p>Community Engagement Framework (refer to pre-read)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data collection instruments / questions • COVID Engagement Options <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ECI Task Force presented with potential engagement options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o (1) The ECI Task Force can make recommendation to the City of Seattle and then go to the community for further discussion. o (2) The ECI Task Force can narrow recommendations, go to the community for feedback, and then give final recommendation to the City of Seattle. o (3) The ECI Task Force can go to community, make recommendations to the City of Seattle, and then go back to community for further refinement. - The ECI Task Force requested position papers from organizations who have already written / researched the key priority areas. - The Facilitator asked the ECI Task Force to consider ways to be make their work on this project more transparent to community such as, improving the accessibility to minutes for the public, creating an interactive method for communication, bringing the 	<p>37 minutes</p>

	<i>information to the community vs. expecting the community to come to the information.</i>	
	<p>Recap & Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>The ECI Task Force will consider drafting an explanatory document that can be share with the community regarding their decision making process on this project.</i> 	
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Attendance:

Excused Absences:

- Andrea Caupain
- Rizwan Rizwi
- Sharon Williams
- Estella Ortega
- Dr. Sheila Edwards-Lange
- Christina Wong

Unexcused Absences:

- Maggie Angel Cano
- Michael Tulee
- Michelle Merriweather
- Trish Milnes-Dziko (arrived late)

Links Shared:

- <https://durkan.seattle.gov/2020/12/mayor-durkan-announces-additional-investments-in-affordable-housing-for-historic-total-of-115-million-in-2020-2/>

Slide Deck:

Whose input to solicit?	What to explore/listen for?	How to get input?
Colleagues of Task Force Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do these topic resonate with their experiences? • What would they add/delete? • How would they prioritize these topics? • Do they foresee any challenges to addressing the issue(s)? • Which ones provide the best opportunities for synergy with their work? • What other organizations/individuals should be part of crafting solutions to these issues? • Others?? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:1 phone calls • Small group zoom meetings • In-person (socially distanced) • Email • Survey Monkey
Peer Organizations/ Other CBOs		
Rank & File Community Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do they experience these barriers/challenges? • What has worked well in their communities in addressing these issues? • What has not worked? • How do they think the community should be engaged in programs/investments in these areas? • Others?? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small group zoom meetings conducted directly with individuals • Small groups zoom meetings conducted by other CBOs • Survey Monkey

Core Priority Ranking Chart:

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & JOB SECURITY				
Recommendations	Likely to have the biggest Impact in the next 3-5 years for BIPOC communities	Likely to face the least resistance to implement/easy to launch	Most likely to influence/create biggest long-term transformation for BIPOC communities	Likely to get the most Community buy-in/support
• Develop public land			/	
• Provide subsidies, flexible loan funds, grants for BIPOC business startup and entrepreneurs	//	/		
• Get city to co-sign for leases				
• Provide business development training, coaching, incubation	//			
• Provide financial support for professional development.	/			
• Provide business startup/development support/training	/			
• Promote access to markets for BIPOC businesses	//			
• Promote storytelling and marketing campaigns about the importance of BIPOC businesses				
• Provide trainings, apprenticeships for youth	/			
• Support programs working to educate & address environmental justices	/			

*Desire to combine 4, 5, 6, and 9

HEALTH DISPARITIES

Recommendations	Likely to have the biggest Impact in the next 3-5 years for BIPOC communities	Likely to face the least resistance to implement/easy to launch	Most likely to influence/create biggest long-term transformation for BIPOC communities	Likely to get the most Community buy-in/support
• Support programs working to educate & address environmental justice (e.g. Got Green & AARTH)	/			
• Support treatment programs for BIPOC communities with disparities	/			
• Support programs that promote health equity – education and neighborhood clinics (cover bills)	/			
• Funding for health clinics focused on BIPOC community	/			
• Create a wellness center, truth and reconciliation center, education/tutor support	/			
• Invest in a pipeline of BIPOC folks in healthcare workforce	/			
• Support BIPOC efforts to increase healthy foods, growing food locally, supporting B&I farmers and farm development	/			
• Support community gardens and education on how to grow food	/			
• Support programs to promote healthy eating (programs with chefs)	/			
• Connect / network / integrate programs	/			

EDUCATIONAL DISPARITIES

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• Promote programs to develop leadership with BIPOC youth – after school programs and college readiness	/			
• Provide training and education on cultural history (museums, cultural center)	//			
• Support organizations that provide BIPOC cultural education (e.g. museums, cultural centers, etc.)	//			
• Fund programs for formerly incarcerated BIPOC individuals	/			
• Fund scholarships to some private schools	/			
• Fund organizations that teach citizens about financial management and credit	//			
• Fund organizations that incorporate other curricula (e.g. environmental education)	//			
• Support safety net program that bridge schools to family	/			
• Advocacy for critical levies to drive funding for racial equity	/			

AFFORDABLE HOUING				
Recommendations	Likely to have the biggest Impact in the next 3-5 years for BIPOC communities	Likely to face the least resistance to implement/easy to launch	Most likely to influence/create biggest long-term transformation for BIPOC communities	Likely to get the most Community buy-in/support
Construct of more affordable housing that can be purchased after a period of renting on a lease to purchase basis	/			
Support the purchase of underused city land for production of community necessities – food growing, mental health facilities, housing ownership				
Create apartment units that are owned to begin path to wealth creation	/			
Provide down payment assistance programs for individuals who do not qualify for traditional state and federal ownership programs				
Expand deposit assistance for home ownership	/			
Create low interest funds to financial institutions	/			
Provide funding for emergency housing and foreclosure prevention				
Fund programs that prepare folks for homeownership	/			
Create programs to develop the capacity for BIPOC communities to build affordable housing				
Work to revitalize historical sites				
Education on finance – learning about credit, mortgage, stocks, etc.				
Support churches to develop their land for affordable housing	/			

*Desire to combine 5 and 6, 8 and 1, and 3 and 1.