

Minutes for Durham City Participatory Budgeting Steering Committee

Call to Order

Durham City Participatory Budgeting Steering Committee March Meeting was held on Monday, **June 17th, 2019** at City Hall. It began at 7:03 pm and was presided over by Tiffany Elder.

Attendees

Members in attendance included: Sheila Arias, Susan Goodman, Marion Johnson, Tom Fletcher, Jessica Uba, Sarah Mye, Kyla Hartsfield, and Jose Romero, Dr. McKoy

Others in attendance included: Robin Baker, Andrew Holland

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Tiffany Elder moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting on Wednesday, February 11th (2/11/19)

Seconded by Marion Johnson

Vote: Motion passed (consensus)

Officers' Reports

Chair Report - Tiffany Elder was present. Nothing to report.

Other Reports

Agenda Items

Welcome and Introductions

- Acting-chair Raymond Palma called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes (see above)

Chair Report (see above)

Subcommittee Reports

Outreach - Susan Goodman (subcommittee chair)

- none

Evaluations

- Will set-up follow-up plan

Communications - Marion Johnson

- none

Staff Recommendations on Project Winners

- Evaluation was hard because not all participants filled out the survey correctly
- Links to Data:
 - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1bk7ntoYq54NfYanfQ21PjAr4GIpqGX1qubzK-pYhRQM/viewanalytics>
- Data Highlights
 - 30-39 age bracket was the highest age bracket for participation
 - Over 50% of participants were <40
 - 11-20 years was the highest rate of participation, followed by 21-50 years with 22.3%
 - The majority of participants were home-owners
 - The majority of participants were Female identified
 - 42.4% of participants are graduates
 - Raw Data will be present on the Evaluation Team
- A few data reflections
 - Numbers will be evaluated in comparison to Durham Compass
 - The voting timeline was not the best for turning out students because it was near the end of year testing and Central had already gotten out for the summer
 - PB's turn-out had the highest participation in the US relative to city size
- Voting Results

- DPS technology won in every ward (1 middle school and high school in each ward will receive technology)
- Accessible Ramps won on every ballot
- LGBTQ Youth Center won in every ballot
- Bus Shelters with Reclaimed Art & Solar Panels won in every ward
- DHA Lighting & Security cameras won in wards 2 and 3
- Ward 1 DHA street lights and technology (would have pushed the ward 1 budget over \$800,000) so that project could not be funded,
- Around 3700 students votes
- All three of the wards did not use the full budget because the next projects that won the voting process would push the budget over \$800,000

Questions & Discussions

- How do we move forward with discussing our values?
- What do we do about the left-over money? Does left-over money earn interest that could counter frustration from the community for not using the funds?
- Remember that budgeted numbers versus implementation
- The Workforce Development Board is a city and county board, for example.

Next Steps

- *Motion:* Henry McKoy moved to meet in August, October, and December
- *Seconded* by Tiffany Elder
- *Discussion:*
 - Susan we should not surrender power to students we don't know.
 - Kyla we are creating a container for students to fill with their labor, not surrendering power.
 - Tiffany just like there was an outreach committee that made decisions, we hope that the steering committee will trust the Evaluation committee to make decisions in line with group and in communication with the group.
 - Jessica we will always bring the proposals from the committee to the broader steering committee.
- *Vote: Motion Passes* (one abstain)

Announcements

None besides keep reaching out to the community and volunteering!

Motion: Approve Elections Results

Seconded by Kyla

Vote: Motion passed (consensus)

August 26th, 2019: Meeting

October 14, 2019: Meeting

December 2019: Meeting

Adjournment

Motion: Tiffany

Seconded: by Marion Johnson

Discussion: none

Vote: Motion passed (consensus)

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm

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