

Minutes were approved at the 3.12.21 meeting

APPROVED MINUTES

Economic Development Reform Panel Minutes

Friday Feb. 26, 2021 1-2:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order: Chair Ann Marie Tracey
Panelist in attendance: Tim Burke, Bobbi Dillon, Guy Guckenberger, Alicia Bond-Lewis, Dan Schimberg, Bernadette Watson

2. Approval of 2.12.21 minutes Ann Marie Tracey
 - a. Guy Guckenberger requested revision to the minutes from 2.12.21 to reflect emphasis within his 2.12.21 presentation (correct version now attached) on items 1, 2, and not 3 which is infeasible within the timeframe of the panel's work, nor item 4 which the City is handling via the release of the RFP for a third party to conduct a forensic audit.
 - b. Minutes from the 2.12.21 meeting will be revised and recirculated for review
 - c. Approval of minutes tabled till 3.12.21

2. City Economic Development Process/ Markiea Carter/ Development Discussion with Tim Burke and Dan Shimberg
 - a. Introduction of Markiea Carter, Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED)
 - b. Director Carter's presentation (Attached) provided an overview of DCED's services and the City's development process
 - i. Post presentation discussion included questions re: appropriate vs inappropriate interactions w/DCED by City Council Members
 - Director Carter clarified that contact by Council regarding City policy creation and utilization is appropriate but that requests for preferential treatment or reprioritization is not appropriate and that general inquiries can be distracting/disruptive staff who feel obligated to be responsive to requests by Council and this have an operational impact.
 - Panelist then discussed Council/Constituent relations, and how inquiries made on behalf of constituents should not be misconstrued with requests for preferential treatment or reprioritization.
 - Solicitor Garth clarified that the Charter does not prohibit council members from inquiries as to the status of a project. Generally, constituent inquiries should be directed through the City Manager's Office (CMO)
 - Panelist discussed Council/Constituent relations as both a benefit: to approach community needs holistically and as problematic: that requests for accommodations made at the very end of contract negotiations can be complicate years of work

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- DCED Director Carter noted that DCED's neighborhood development officers are available for communities seeking more information or greater involvement around development in their neighborhood.

3. Website/ email updates Ann Schooley

- a. Current Page: <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/council/references-resources/economic-development-reform-panel/>. Guy Guckenberger requested that the page moved to a more visible location
Kelly Carr indicated that she will work with ETS to provide additional hyperlinks on Council's page where appropriate; however, the ERDP page can be found on the City's main page by either searching for it in the search bar or under "Transparency in Government"
- b. The email is set up: edrp@cincinnati-oh.gov. To date, the account has only received one email and that was from the Chair.
- c. Guy Guckenberger requested that a "Library of Resources" page be created as a clearinghouse for pertinent articles shared etc.
For now, all articles should be emailed to Ann Schooley cc to Ann Maire Tracey for review and consideration.

4. Public Input Discussion Ann Marie Tracey

The Panel asked if Citicable has a way of tracking the number of viewers watching the meeting. Kelly Carr will assess and report back.
The panel discussed procuring public input. It was decided this would be done through emails and through at least two public meetings. The panel agreed that holding one in approximately April, and then when the panel was formulating recommendations, likely May or June.

5. Planning and Other Business

The Chair is lining up a schedule of presenters and topics for discussion, and proposed dedicating meeting dates for public comment: one in April and the other toward May or June. She asked that panelists advise as to any additional speakers or resources they would recommend.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40pm

The Next Meeting is March 12, 2021, 1-2:30 p.m.