

Draft Minutes Economic Development Reform Panel

June 25, 2021, 1pm- 2:30 p.m.

- I. **Call to Order:** Chair Ann Marie Tracey
Panelist in attendance: Tim Burke, Alicia Bond-Lewis, Bobbi Dillon, Guy Guckenberger, Dan Schimberg, KZ Smith, Bernadette Watson and Verna Williams

- II. **Approval of 6.18.21 minutes**
Bernadette Watson moved to approve
Dan Schimberg seconded the motion

Verna Williams advised that she attended the 6.18 meeting and her name needs to be added to the minutes.

- III. **Remote Meetings:** The ordinance before Council to allow Boards and Commissions to meet remotely passed, so EDRP can continue meeting remotely going forward.

- IV. **Public Hearing:** The public hearing is set for July 9th at 1p.m. Any time remaining after hearing from the public will be used to continue working on the draft recommendations.

- V. **Structure of the Report**
 - A. Ann Marie Tracey proposed the following structure for the report and the group agreed:
 - i. Executive Summary (including recommendations)
 - ii. Background
 - iii. Recommendations for each area, supported by a discussion
 - iv. Conclusion
 - B. Ann Schooley will put together a list of speakers, and dates they spoke to the panel, along with a short bio and description of what they talked about.

- VI. **6.25 Campaign Contributions, Reporting and Development Recommendations (attached)**
 - A. Campaign Contributions
 - i. Focus should be on elected officials but developers need to be included in some way, possibly through training.
 - ii. Panel agrees on need for greater transparency.
 - iii. Recommend that the Mayor and Councilmembers be prohibited from soliciting or accepting contributions and a developer be prohibited from making contributions from the time a matter is submitted to Council until the legislation is passed and final.
 - iv. Need to determine appropriate definition of “developer” and “active developer.”

- v. Bobbi Dillon will re-circulate her proposal for an active developer list. The list would be made available to the public.
- vi. The panel is not recommending that developers who have contributed to City elected officials be barred from entering into contracts with the City for 24 months after contributing.

B. Disclosure/Reporting of Campaign Contributions by Cincinnati Elected Officials and Candidates

- i. Any City reporting requirements should be extended to include any reports for PACs or other campaign committees and LLCs, that are required to be filed at the state or federal level. All of those reports should also be filed with the City.
- ii. All of these reports should be either placed on the City's website or there should be links to them on the City's website.
- iii. The reports should be on the website and publicly available promptly after filing.
- iv. No additional reporting requirements are recommended.

VII. Other business

- A. Before next meeting, EDRP members should review the latest versions of the recommendations circulated by Ann Marie.
- B. EDRP members should circulate any additional research questions to Ann Schooley.
- C. Drafting the Report
 - i. Chair to send out a redline/track changes of current recommendation document before next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 3:06pm

The Next Meeting is Friday July 2, 2021, at 1pm