



**PED COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
June 21, 2016**

Board Members in Attendance: Vice-Mayor Gwen Wisler, Councilman Brian Haynes

Staff in Attendance: Sam Powers, Brenda Mills, Amber Weaver, Stephanie Monson-Dahl, Dana Frankel, Todd Okolichany, Melissa VanSickle

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Haynes moved to approve the minutes. Councilwoman Wisler seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

2. UPDATES

a. Riverfront Office; Stephanie Monson-Dahl

Read report.

b. Comprehensive Plan; Todd Okolichany

Staff is working to identify three at-large members to add more diversity to the Comprehensive Planning Task Force.

c. Minority Business Program; Brenda Mills

Ms. Brenda Mills provided a background of the Minority Business Program and the upcoming Disparities Study. Ms. Mills provided members with reports from 2013-2015 and asked for feedback regarding the information within those reports. Members inquired about the Disparity Study and its impact on the Minority Business Program. The study will identify needs within the community and help structure the program through recommendations. Staff is also working on a website that will help new business owners and provide resources. Members discussed the ability to help match community members with the right resources and organizations.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Dee Williams inquired about the report data, performance measurements, and possible inclusion of that information in the disparities study.

d. Food Policy; Amber Weaver

Ms. Amber Weaver provided an update about the work on the Food Policy Action plan. The updated included information on the projects, partnerships, and website that staff has been working on. Ms. Weaver asked for general feedback on the proposed website. The design of the webpage will include information on the Food Action Plan, edibles, homeowner information for

residential food production, planting guide, and composting information. Staff is working to gather information and develop programs and resources so that the website will be useful to the community.

The Food Policy Action Plan addresses 14 initiatives. Ms. Weaver explained those initiatives and how current and future projects will work to address them. Members discussed the recent partnerships with the City, how staff is working with other organizations to address the Food Policy Action initiatives, and the funding that is going towards them. Members inquired about the timelines for the projects and the website, and discussed the City's ability to address all of the initiatives.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Introduction of New Downtown Specialist; Sam Powers

Mr. Sam Powers introduced Dana Frankel, the new Downtown Development Specialist. Ms. Frankel described her background and past work experience.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. ADJOURN

Chair Wisler adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m. without objection.