



**Cook County Commission on Social Innovation
Minutes**

Thursday, August 18, 2016 4:00 PM Thompson Center
100 W. Randolph,
Chicago, Illinois 60601

ATTENDANCE

Present: David Doig, Marc Loveless, K. Sujata, Mike Hobbs, Harold Rice, Victor Dickson, Marc Lane, Jesus Garcia, Reggie Greenwood, Mark McHugh, Emile Cambry, Carrie Thomas, Valerie Leonard, Michael Jasso, Wendy Raymer, Maria Kim, John Yonan, Howard Males.

Absent: Sue Sadlowski Garza, Evelyn Diaz, Robert Gertner, Eric Weinheimer, Eugene Williams, Pam Rodriguez.

MINUTES

4:10 PM

Welcome by Chairman Garcia, called the meeting to order of the Commission on Social Innovation as allowed by Cook County Code, Chapter 14 Article IX Section 14-97.

4:18 PM

Approval of the minutes from July 19th, 2016.

4:20 PM

Committee Report

Chair Greenwood (Public Capital) – We need to make investments in public infrastructure, south, west and south cook county. I met with

port director to learn about their plans at the Port of Chicago. We must also deal with public transportation dessert in parts. The High Speed Rail Association proposes that Metra behave more like the CTA. Maybe invest in getting the electrified line to go faster. Commission could play a role.

Chair Raymer (Financial Capital) – 4:24 pm

First meeting was last week. We are all on the same page – hoping to find realistic goals by picking projects that are specific and tangible. We would like to find better ways to direct resources to the projects especially place-based development. Cook is huge, to get our heads around. We should spend the first quarter getting smart on things, convene meetings with community leaders. We can't do it in vacuums, because we want to hear directly from communities - Regional collective voices.

Chair Dickson (Social Capital) – 4:27 pm

We met on the 12th of August and each committee member provided input to the guiding principles. Major Principles: to engage the community, and create capacity building for non profits. Bridge communities with law enforcement. Social justice issues. Looking at economic justice. Goals: becoming better educated on social economic models, other models nationwide, uplifting hard loss communities. Craft social capital, current development and recommending approaches to ensure equity for the underrepresented. Present the framework to other leaders and organizations. Outreach to residents and community organizations. Engage the youth in activities: youth civic engagement program targeting 14 – 25 year olds. Recommend public safety standards.

Chair Kim (Human Capital) – 4:32 pm

Couple of thoughts – Victor, youth engagement, include Mikva challenge, macro Thrive Chicago. Wendy, maybe host townhalls, and or look into quality of life plans of NCP (LISC). Suburban Areas – The United Way is interested in town halls.

We were tasked with three charters: Asset mapping workforce, worker coops, Illinois Medical District (IMD). Took all three, best first step. However, at this point it is hard to map out a plan. Mapping, already a lot of work being done, NIU, CMAP, MPC. Carrie will help to catalog what's already been done. To see what already exists. On the

demand side, where concentration of jobs might be. Hidden need maps? To uncover, to elevate the accessibility of jobs. Worker coops, lifting up opportunities in disinvested communities. Carrie will lean on anchor institutions, we want to learn, but also underground entrepreneurs that but for infrastructure would flourish.

Chair Weinheimer (Intellectual Capital): Absent

Jasso – Cook County Bureau of Economic Development’s planning for progress – 5 year plan – data analytics with CMAP, have a lot of data where the jobs are, disconnect between residents and jobs. Anchor institutions, maybe warrants bringing CASE out of WBC, 15, county is one, universities are others like Rush and Advocate. Plenty of opportunities, much already being done.

Lane – Important to understand the topics prioritized as the committee of original jurisdiction of those topics. More than one committee may be involved because we will not work in silos. We invite your participation. All hands on deck effort. Ultimate efforts will be the contribution of the public at large. Commission must know how collaboration and change happens. Introduced Dr. Jean Egmon, Kellogg professor.

4:45 PM

Guest speakers: (1) Gene Egman - Northwestern. (2) Jacky Grimshaw, Center for Neighborhood Technology. (3) David Doig – Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives Group.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

5:20 PM

Chairman Garcia called upon the public to comment in accordance with Cook County Code 14-92(d) and 14-97(i):

- (1) Myra Glassman, SEIU Healthcare Illinois
- (2) Patricia Evans, Home Care Aid Chicago
- (3) Kate O’Rourke, Dula
- (4) Carol Lachapelle, blogger.
- (5) Victoria Moreno on behalf of Remy Luna on the need to speak on behalf of those with disabilities.

ADJOURNMENT

5:40 PM

Adjournment: Motion was made by Mark Lane, seconded by David Doig, carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesus G. Garcia". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Chair