

**City of Seattle, Office of Planning & Community Development (OPCD)
Chinatown International District (CID) Framework and Implementation Plan
Advisory Committee Meeting**

October 25, 2017

5:30pm – 7:30pm

Hirabayashi Place, Donnie Chin Community Room

Agenda

Gathering, Welcome and Introduction Around the Table

Maiko Winkler Chin and Pradeepta Upadhyay, Advisory Committee Co-Chairs, opened the meeting and greeted the group. Patricia Julio, facilitator for the evening, reviewed the meeting agenda and noted that a comment “wall” was available in the room for members of the community to write and submit in their comments to the Committee.

In attendance^{**}:

Cassie Chinn, Wing Luke
Elaine Ishihara, Nisei Vets Community Foundation
Jessa Timmer, CIDBIA
Maiko Winkler Chin, SCIDPDA
Miye Moriguchi, Uwajimaya
Pradeepta Upadhyay, InterIm CDA
Quynh Pham, Friends of Little Saigon
Shanti Breznau, SCIDPDA
Tammy Deets, Ethnic Business Coalition
Tanya Woo, owner of the Louisa Building
Tiernan Martin, Futurewise

Gary Johnson, Office of Planning & Community Development (OPCD)
Janet Shull, OPCD
Vinita Goyal, OPCD
Katie Sheehy, OPCD
Jennifer Lobsenz, Office of Civil Rights
Rebecca Frestedt, Seattle Dept. of Neighborhoods (DON)
Kristian Alcaide, DON
Lillian Young, Community Liaison, DON
Michael Clark, Seattle City Light

Community Engagement Strategy Development Update

Kristian Alcaide of Seattle Dept. of Neighborhoods provided a brief update. The hiring process is still on going for a new Community Engagement Manager for the CID. The job announcement will remain open until filled.

**Note that volunteers listed in attendance are representing themselves as individuals and not formally representing the organizations with which they are affiliated. OPCD is committed to convening a broad set of CID stakeholders to ensure community inclusion in this planning and implementation process.

- In the meantime, DON has hired two Community Liaisons, one of whom, Lillian Young, was in attendance. Lillian will serve the CID area west of I-5 and a second Community Liaison will serve Little Saigon.
- DON has submitted a draft contract, scope of work and budget to OPCD for review. This contract is for translation and interpretation services, to be led by the two Community Liaisons. The city wants to be sure that resources and funding will be allocated to support the community outreach for this planning process. It was noted that Workgroups needed to be approached about their needs for translation and interpretation.
- The Advisory Committee will have the opportunity to provide input in the development of a community engagement plan. The Committee will also be able to comment on the scope of work for the Community Liaisons. An outreach team will be organized to provide input on the engagement plan. People will be invited to this core team in the near future.

Racial Equity Toolkit Discussion: Identifying CID Priorities

Jennifer Lobsenz of the Office of Civil Rights facilitated this portion of the meeting. She distributed handouts describing the Racial Equity Toolkit (RET) and corresponding steps to build the RET. Katie Sheehy of OPCD supported by documenting the questions that Committee members asked and by taking the following notes.

Racial Equity Toolkit (RET) Considerations & Questions

- Mayor Murray required each department to complete four RETs per year. Departments choose what policies, initiatives, programs, and budget issues they apply the RET to.
- Can the community request RETs?
- Could we link RETs to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process or create other conditions that require RETs (e.g. size of financial investment, geographic area impacted, number of community lives impacted)?
 - Provide contact info for department's Change Team members so community groups can ask them to have RETs
- Develop better tracking of Racial Equity Toolkits → support the community in holding the City accountable (maybe data.seattle.gov could be a resource?)
- RETs should become basic practice for ALL City work; it should be normalized, not specialized
- The RET map divides the CID in districts that don't make sense for the neighborhood; this needs to be updated

Additional Considerations & Questions

- Acknowledge and allow space for multiple voices
- Do we want to establish racial equity outcomes for specific projects or work groups?
- Not pushing community (individuals or businesses) out of the CID
- There are on-going issues about the City splitting up the neighborhood – for Design Review, police precincts, districts shown in the RET, etc.

- Positive investments made by the community are negated by City (and other government agency) work
- Document existing inequities that have occurred for more than 100 years – especially how the community has had to reactive to minimize harm from City decisions
- CID carries the wounds of many failed processes and projects; asking communities to keep engaging with the City opens old wounds
- What is the role of the Capital Cabinet? How are they held accountable to racial equity work? (see e.g. Denny Substation)

GOALS	ORGANIZATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS	CONSTITUENTS	ALLIES	OBSTACLES	RESOURCES	TACTICS
<p>Establish guiding principles for work groups</p> <p>Create healthy, thriving neighborhood and communities – use the social determinants of health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong physical buildings • Transportation • Housing • Services • Safety • Education • Community ownership and preservation <p>Community to have agency (not just reactive) – community sets vision and that vision is executed</p> <p>Context: more than a century of harm > new projects acknowledge this</p> <p>Community should benefit from projects in/impacting CID</p> <p>Targeted outreach to small business owners to increase agency</p>	<p>Consider the district as a whole entity</p> <p>Nurture inclusion; eliminate picking/choosing</p> <p>Understand that range of opinions/perspectives exist, even within organizations</p> <p>Multi-lingual nature of the district</p> <p>Burden of responsibility to do outreach has been on the community; this work should be respected and compensated</p> <p>Loss within the community, particularly leaders</p> <p>Community understands the interconnected complexities of the neighborhoods</p>	<p>Small businesses</p> <p>People who have a strong connection to CID but don't live or work here</p> <p>Seniors (vulnerable and too often manipulated)</p> <p>People experiencing homelessness</p> <p>Gentrifiers</p> <p>Renters (short and long term)</p> <p>Youth (residents, latch key, non-residents)</p> <p>Property owners (present, absent, family associations, families, foreign investments, REIT)</p>	<p>Community leaders/people</p> <p>Local university</p> <p>Non-profits</p> <p>Allies in other neighborhoods facing displacement pressures (CD, SE)</p> <p>Folks who care, have an affinity for the neighborhood</p> <p>Mainstream organizations that do racial justice work</p> <p>Elected officials (should be)</p> <p>Long-time City staff</p> <p>Economic development community (some are & could be)</p>	<p>Projects go through the neighborhood without providing benefits to the CID community</p> <p>Departments ask the community to do engagement for City projects</p> <p>City disorganization and lack of internal commitments</p> <p>Community bears the burden of government's non-coordination (City, County, Sound Transit, State, Federal)</p> <p>Lack of implementation</p> <p>Starting over with new administrations</p> <p>Older buildings that require expensive maintenance</p> <p>Accelerating costs – land, construction, housing</p> <p>Environmental justice issues (increased traffic/air quality/density)</p> <p>Narrow focus within City of Seattle and other agencies – myopic and don't see how all the projects fit together</p>	<p>Needed</p> <p>Time and money for translation – going door-to-door to reach all constituents</p> <p>Make information about new tools, laws, etc. more accessible</p> <p>Calculate the investment of volunteer hours, value and leverage community work!</p> <p>Existing</p> <p>Library, community center</p> <p>Past plans and documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community benefit agreement with Century Link (there wasn't one with SafeCo) • Other? 	<p>Increase engagement with small businesses – consider who lives and works here</p> <p>Think strategically about implementation</p> <p>Improve internal government communication e.g. match boundaries (police precincts, Design Review, Census) to the community work!</p> <p>Develop metrics of success and establish ways to measure that involve community oversight</p> <p>Document lessons learned throughout the process (allows comparison with other similar neighborhoods)</p> <p>Engage with the Capital Cabinet and make recommendations to the new Mayor and City Council</p> <p>Use Google Translate for website and other materials?</p>

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Principles of Anti-Racist Organizing™ This chart has been adapted by The People’s Institute from a design used by the Midwest Academy. Please use with attribution!

****Note:** The “**Principles of Anti-Racist Organizing™**,” developed by The People’s Institute for Survival and Beyond, can be useful as you develop your strategy. These principles include: Undo Racism™; Understand, share and celebrate culture; Re-examine and learn from history; Analyze manifestations of racism; Undo internalized racial oppression; Network; Develop Leadership; Maintain Accountability; Reshape Gatekeeping. For more information, contact The People’s Institute for Survival and Beyond, www.pisab.org.

Update on Workgroups

Gary Johnson announced that, to date, two workgroups have met, the Capital Project Coordination Workgroup and the Charles Street Campus Workgroup.

- **Capital Project Coordination Workgroup:** Maiko reported that this first introductory meeting went well. The group spent a bulk of the time getting grounded. Participants also discussed place names that needed correction, and a potential moratorium on Lunar New Year celebrations organized in public right-of-ways. At the request of the Advisory Committee, Janet will distribute copies of the capital projects list for members.
- **Charles Street Campus Workgroup:** Elaine shared the parcel map of the campus and stated that the city’s Financial Administrative Services Dept. is currently looking to hire a consultant to determine various, feasible options for development at the site. The workgroup will comment on the consultant scope of work. She mentioned that the Streetcar Maintenance Facility can not be considered for development. Elaine will distribute notes from the workgroup meeting to the Advisory Committee. The next meeting will involve a walk-thru of the campus. Can’t touch streetcar maintenance facility. Will distribute notes. 2 staff from Financial Admin Services.
- **ISRD & Design Review Workgroup:** Rebecca reported that the Dept. of Neighborhoods intends to hire a consultant to review guidelines and make recommendations on expansion. A draft consultant scope of work is currently being drafted. Participants will have an opportunity to comment on this scope of work. DON aims to have a consultant under contract by year-end. The first workgroup meeting will be scheduled in November. Guideline expansion is anticipated to begin in January 2018.
- The Community Development & Stabilization Workgroup will meet on October 26 and the Public Realm Workgroup is scheduled to meet on November 2.
- Janet reported that OPCD intends to share workgroup notes on its website, a launch date will be determined. There was a question about using Google Translate to translate the workgroup notes. Janet will research the feasibility of this and get back to the Advisory Committee.

Schedule Next Meeting and Closure

The next Advisory Committee meeting will be on the 4th Wednesday, November 29, 2017, at Hirabayashi Place, Donnie Chin Community Room. Workgroups will continue to convene between now and then.