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Commission on African American Affairs Public Meeting Minutes

Friday, November 4, 2022 | 1:00 pm - 4:00 p.m.

In Person – Byrd Barr Place

722 18th Ave, Seattle, WA 98122

Members present: Chair Waller, Vice-chair Kendricks, Caupain-Sanderson, Bailey, Perkins, Todd, Laney, Geolingo, Stanton, Executive Director Edward Prince, Program Manager Charlotte Kerney, Executive Assistant Keahna Umpstead. Quorum established

1:00pm – Meeting called to order by Chairperson Waller

1:02pm – Roll Call

1:04pm - Motion to accept meeting minutes by Vice-Chair Kendricks – Motion seconded by Commissioner Laney.

Chairperson Waller called for vote to accept May 2022 Meeting Minutes

Voice vote – no objections. Motion carried. May 2022 commission meeting minutes approved.

1:10pm – Executive Director Ed Prince – Commission on African American Affairs Directors Report

1:20pm – Senior Planner and Liaison Karen Winston – Presenting to Commission on The Mayor’s Council on African American Elders (MCAAE)

- A Commission within the Seattle Human Services Department that began in 1994.
- African American Elders Program began in 1997.
 - Developed to focus on case managers and Nurse work to address the long-term care needs for underserved African American elders in Seattle/King County areas.
 - Community Partners
 - Seattle Human Services Department – Aging and Disability Services
 - Public Health Seattle/King County
 - Senior Services (renamed to Sound Generations)
- Mission: “to develop a comprehensive continuum of services to improve the quality of life for older African Americans in Seattle while strengthening the community’s capacity to support the basic needs of its elders.”

- 1 of 13 Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) in the State of Washington
- 1 of 623 Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) in the United States
- MCAAE Commissioners are appointed by the mayor for a max of two 2-year terms.
 - 12-member Commission board.

1:30pm – Mayors’ Council on African American Elders (MCAAE) Activities and Accomplishments

- Memory Sunday – A nationally recognized event that takes place every year on the 2nd Sunday in June. Created by the African American Dementia Outreach Partnership at the Univ. of Kentucky’s Sanders-Brown Center on Aging
 - A toolkit is provided to the organizations that sign up to participate in Memory Sunday which outlines the entire event details and talking points.
 - Purpose is to educate on Alzheimer’s prevention, treatment, research studies, and caregiver support.
 - In 2022 MCAAE was able to gather 16 churches to participate, in 2021 22 churches participated in Memory Sunday.
- Grandparents Day Celebration – Created by MCAAE
 - Held their 4th annual Grandparents Day Celebration in September 2022.
 - Held to celebrate love, culture, and history.
 - Co-Sponsors
 - Northwest African American Museum
 - AARP Seattle
 - Age Friendly Seattle
 - HSD/Aging and Disability Services
- African American Caregivers Forum: Legacy of Love
 - Held in November during National Family Caregivers Month
 - Focuses
 - Learn and network with other caregivers
 - Receive information and resources
 - For caregivers to receive information and resources
- The Sharing History through Active Reminiscence and Photo-Imagery (SHARP) Study Seattle
 - The SHARP study originally took place in Portland, Oregon in 2016, and is aimed to maintain and improve cognitive health through:
 - Physical activity
 - Social engagement
 - Reminiscence therapy
 - MCAAE decided to adopt this study to see its affects on memory maintain and rejuvenation to see if that could take steps towards a method for positive impact because, African Americans are two times more likely to be diagnosed with a memory disease.
 - The Seattle study was a 12-week program that took place in Seattle Neighborhoods that included 12 themed walking routes with 36 participants.
 - Participants walked for 3 times per week for 4 weeks.
 - Blood pressure and mood were tracked on each walk
 - Recorded each walk that participants took to document their stories and verbal history.

1:45pm – Karen Winston – Comments on how this study was beautiful in fostering connectivity and purpose to the elders as they walked the neighborhoods they grew up in and watching them be in those communities again. Communities where many of the individuals were price out of and where much of the African American Community are still priced out of.

1:50pm – Karen Winston – MCAAE Advocacy Work

- 2015
 - Growing number of homeless elders and the lack of affordable housing
- 2017
 - U.S. Government Accountability Office, the needs of Black elders in Seattle/King County
 - forum on HIV is Ageless about HIV and older adults.
- 2018-2019
 - Affordable housing in Central District
 - Neighborhood Preferences Policy
 - WA State Property Tax Relief
 - AAEP Nurse position.
- 2020
 - Letters to policymakers expressing concerns about COVID-19 disparities
 - Defunding the SPD
 - Vaccine distribution equity
- 2021
 - Assisted ASD staff and Aging Network providers with outreach to BIPOC residents at highest risk for serious illness from COVID-19
 - Assisted with scheduling vaccine appointments.
 - Submitted letter of support to Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) on behalf of Heart'n Soul Hospice, founded by Nathan Yamane.
 - First Black owned hospice in King County
- 2022
 - Successfully advocated to increase funding support for one Full Time Equivalent (FTE) nursing position for the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP).
- Continued focus on addressing the health and wellness disparities among elders in the black community.

2:10pm – Division Director Shukri Olow – Presenting on City of Seattle Human Services Department (HSD) Youth and Family Empowerment Division

- HSD Mission: to connect people with resources and solutions during times of need, so Seattle residents can live, learn, work, and take part in strong and healthy communities.
- Seattle Human Services Department (HSD) operates through a racial equity lens.
- Provide direct services and contracts with over 170 community-based providers in six different impact areas:
 - Preparing Youth for Success
 - Support positive youth and family development.
 - Programs:
 - Seattle Youth Employment

- Youth Mental Health
 - Family Support Services
 - Youth Outreach and Case Management
- Supporting Affordability and Livability
 - Assist people with achieving financial stability and meeting basic needs.
 - Programs:
 - Child Care Bonus
 - Fresh Bucks to Go
 - Utility Discount
 - Food and Nutrition
- Addressing Homelessness
 - Assist people in ending their experiences of homelessness.
 - Programs:
 - Homeless Outreach
 - Research and Development
 - Contract Management
 - Health Care for the Homeless
- Promoting Public Health
 - Coordinate services for older people, caregivers, and individuals with disabilities.
 - Programs:
 - Community Health Centers
 - Dental Clinics
 - Seattle Access and Outreach
 - HIV Prevention and Education
- Supporting Safe Communities
 - Support community-led responses to community safety.
 - Programs:
 - Violence Interruption
 - Re-Entry and Restorative
 - Gender based violence
 - Addressing Hate Crimes
- Promoting Healthy Aging
 - Coordinate services for older people, caregivers, and individuals with disabilities.
 - Programs:
 - Age Friendly Seattle
 - Mobile Integrated Health
 - Senior Centers and Nutrition
 - Community Living Connections

2:15pm – Youth and Family Empowerment Division (YFE) Overview – YFE supports positive youth and family development through strategic investments in employment opportunities, mentoring and educational support, food and nutrition, safety, and behavioral and mental status, or neighborhood.

- About a \$47 million annual budget

2:16pm – Programs and Units within YFE

- Community Services Unit (CSU)
 - Seattle Youth Employment Program (SYEP)
 - Individuals the age of 16-24 years old, reside in Seattle, and are at below 80% HUD median income for Seattle/King County are qualified to apply for this program.
 - Year-round program with fall, winter and spring modules, and a summer internship program.
 - Participants earn an hourly wage during summer internship program and a stipend during the school year-program.
 - Utility Discount Program (UDP)
 - Individuals whose household income at or below 70% Washington State median income qualify.
 - Eligible customers receive 60% discount on Seattle City Light bills and 50% on Seattle Public Utilities bills.
 - Currently the program serves roughly 40,000 low-income Seattle residents.
- Planning Unit
 - Leads investment processes
 - Community Engagement
 - Best Practice Research – Local and National
 - Data and performance
 - Landscape and Gap Analyses
 - 2022 Funding Opportunities
 - Wage Equity Request for Qualifications (RFQ)
 - Youth and Young Adult Behavioral Health Request for Proposals (RFP)
 - Farm to Preschool Support Services (RFP)
 - Supported Child Care Facilities (RFP)
 - Provides support for direct service programs, resource development, and special project management.
- Food and Nutrition Unit
 - Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) is the primary funder of this program through a partnership with YFE.
 - Two key programs that require an annual application from families
 - Childcare Nutrition Program (CCNP)
 - Reimburses enrolled in-home family childcare providers for eligible meals served to children in their care ranging from \$200-\$1500.
 - Childcare providers serve children healthy meals that meet United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) guidelines.
 - Summer Food Service Program (Out-of-school Time Meal Program)
 - Provides free summer meals to youth up to age 18.
 - Offered at Community centers, parks, schools.
 - HSD coordinates food delivery, monitoring, staff training and reimbursement documentation.
 - Afterschool Meal Program (Out-of-school Time Meal Program)
 - Provides free afterschool meals at sites where an enrichment activity is offered.

- Serves 10-50 meals per day at each site.
- Grants and Contracts Unit
 - Responsible for contracting and monitoring funds with our agency providers.
 - 4 main parts of the funding cycle:
 - Contract execution
 - Monthly Reimbursement
 - Monitoring
 - Continuous agency support
 - Areas of investment
 - Food and meals
 - Food systems
 - Afterschool meals and Summer Food Service Program meals
 - Youth and Young Adults for success
 - Behavioral Health
 - Helpline and Referral
 - Family Support
 - General Support Services
- Human Services
 - Focuses on a large span of items in this bucket broadly categorized as human services. From civil legal aid, eviction protection efforts, immigrant, and refugee initiatives, to gender-based violence initiatives, and more.
 - Each one of the programs within this division receives about \$20 million in annual funds per year.
 - Making a more conscious effort to reach out to community-based organizations that are representative of the communities the division is looking to serve and trying to remove some of the barriers to better allow those organizations to access government funds.
 - Simplifying contracts and providing technical assistance are two steps we have taken to accomplish this.
 - Currently 150 contracted partners throughout King County. More than 50% of them are now small organizations leading to a greater impact on personal lives and individuals within these communities.

3:00pm – Founder Ernest Kelly III – Presenting on the Seattle Black Business Community

- Began in November 2019 to help unite the local Black-owned business community in the Pacific Northwest.
 - The lack of black businesses is a direct relation to the wealth gap in Seattle, with Seattle having the 3rd lowest black owned business in the Nation.
 - Belief that entrepreneurship is key to a thriving black community, jobs and opportunities, wealth, and access to insurance and affordable healthcare.
- Mission: To provide the tools and resources needed for Black businesses to succeed through economic development and sustainable partnerships.
- Seattle Black Business Community Services
 - Branding
 - Business Consulting
 - Social media marketing, content development, and networking

3:30pm – Ernest Kelly III – Discusses with the Commission the need for viable solutions for change such as, investment funds, how to potentially consolidate black businesses to build their capacity so they may be able to go after larger proposals, and how to make qualification for government funding easier to obtain. This can then generate more capacity within black owned businesses and create more jobs and capital within the Black community.

4:00pm – Executive Ed Prince opens the floor to begin the election of CAAA officers for the year of 2023.

Discussion

4:05pm – Commissioner Kendricks elected commission Chairperson in voice vote. No objections or abstentions

4:10pm – Commissioner Todd elected commission Vice-Chair by voice vote. No objections or abstentions

4:15pm – Public Comment – No public comment

4:17pm – Meeting Adjourned