

Equity Leadership Team

May 25, 2021 * 2:30 p.m.

Agenda

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Est. Time</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
I.	Welcome and Opening Remarks	2:30	C. Eley
II.	MVRPC Constitution and Bylaws Approved <ul style="list-style-type: none">What does it mean?Status of the Institute for Livable and Equitable Communities Steering CommitteeImpacts and Next Steps	2:40	B. Martin
III.	Institute Work Plan for 2021-2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none">About the Institute Work Plan	2:55	S. Schweikhart
IV.	2 nd and 3 rd Quarter focus of the REI Subcommittee (June to September 2021) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Public engagement messageReview and synthesis of local researchAugust launch of 'Undesign the Redline Exhibit'September launch of the 'EJ Academy'	3:10	C. Eley
V.	Round Robin	3:25	All

****The NEXT MEETING is June 22, 2021****

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**MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
REGIONAL EQUITY INITIATIVE
MINUTES**

**via Zoom Conference/Video Call
(<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81573025763>)**

**April 27, 2021
2:30 PM**

ELT Members Present

Branford Brown, Community Leader
Dr. Larry Burnley, University of Dayton
Erica Fields, Dayton HRC
Rap Hankins, City of Trotwood
Adriane Miller, NCCJ
Mike Parks, Dayton Foundation
Mary Tyler, Community Leader

Staff Present

Savannah Diamond
Carlton Eley
Tawana Keels
Teresa Lombardelli
Brian Martin

Other Guests Present

Tania Arseculeratne, Dayton Foundation
Georgeann Godsey, Harrison Township
Paul Gruner, Montgomery County Eng.
Tom Koogler, Greene County
Richard Schultze, Concerned Citizen
Barbra Stonerock, Dayton Foundation
Noreen Willhelm, Dayton Foundation

The Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission hosted the Regional Equity Initiative call on April 27, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom Video Conference (<https://02web.zoom.us/j/81573025763>).

I. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Mr. Eley called the meeting to order at 2:36 pm. Roll call was taken.

Mr. Eley announced Mr. Ron Budzik will no longer serve as a member of the Regional Equity Initiative Subcommittee. Mr. Budzik is focusing on his health, and he offered consent to inform members of the REI Subcommittee.

II. REGIONAL EQUITY INITIATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE WORK PROPOSAL

A. Accomplishments

Mr. Eley summarized multiple accomplishments from the REI Work Proposal. Although the work proposal is draft and new, there has been progress addressing all of the Year One priorities (2021) within four months:

- The Dayton/Montgomery County Sankofa Project is 40% complete.
- Former State Representative Harold Mitchell, Jr. participated in the March REI meeting.
- EPA Region 5 announced a co-sponsorship agreement with MVRPC for conducting an Environmental Justice Academy.
- MVRPC led a “strategic discussion” on the topic of environmental justice through the Romero Human Rights Series which was hosted by the University of Dayton.

- The City of Dayton Planning Department was briefed on the Regional Equity Initiative on April 7. The briefing was arranged by Tony Kroeger, Planning Division Manager.

B. Status of the Work Proposal

Mr. Mike Parks inquired when the REI will take on “a project” in the community. Mr. Parks encouraged making a bridge between the work proposal, and the priorities that were identified in the community previously.

Mr. Branford Brown inquired whether the REI would issue a statement concerning the verdict from the Derek Chauvin trial in Minneapolis. Mr. Brian Martin clarified most public statements need to be approved by MVRPC’s Board of Directors. *Unless, the new Institute Steering Committee intends to devise a communications protocol for such issues.*

Referencing the presentation slide, Mr. Martin noted the REI Work Proposal and the Institute Work Plan are not congruent. Hopefully, the process for reconciling the two will occur over the next couple of months. Mr. Eley added there are “granular examples of work” in the form of policies as well as strategic discussions in the work proposal.

III. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT TEAM UPDATE AND RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Eley offered an update on the status of the Public Engagement Team.

When the REI Subcommittee was unable to reach consensus about public engagement on February 23, a Team was set up, and the Team was asked to return to the REI Subcommittee with a recommendation.

The members who volunteered for the Team are Mr. Michael Roediger, Mr. Rap Hankins, Ms. Belinda Stenson, Ms. Adriane Miller and Commissioner Mims.

Although not discussed on February 23, Mr. Eley noted it has become apparent that it is equally important to consider other ways to facilitate public engagement as well as interface with the public beyond the monthly meeting of the REI Subcommittee.

The Public Engagement Team’s recommendation is the REI does not need public engagement on the work proposal exclusively. Instead, the REI Subcommittee needs to frame a message, and there needs to be public engagement around a clear message that is specific to the Miami Valley.

- The Team’s recommendation will require reviewing past, local research and studies published in recent years.

Ms. Mary Tyler sought clarity about a timeline for completion as well as whether the message would be a discussion topic in May. In response, Mr. Eley stated developing a message is one commitment among many. At this time, Mr. Eley is balancing a full work load.

- Ms. Barbra Stonerock and Mr. Martin referenced the quarterly equity newsletter as a vehicle for public engagement.
- Ms. Tyler volunteered to offer assistance with the synthesis of information.
- Mr. Hankins encourages a progress summary: what’s been discussed; who we met with; speakers we invited; and what we are doing as a Subcommittee.

IV. EQUITY EVENT CALENDAR, HOSTED BY MVRPC

Mr. Eley briefly showed an online demo of the new MVRPC Equity Events Calendar, and he invited members to submit calendar content for the month of June **by May 11**.

Creating an event calendar requires drafting a guidance. The guidance needs to be finalized first.

For groups that focus on equity in the Miami Valley, Mr. Brown advised chatting with Mike Parks, Mary Tyler, Dr. Larry Burnley, Michael Carter, and Erica Fields. He also recommended contacting Black Lives Matter and Neighborhoods Over Politics.

Mr. Martin acknowledged NCCJ's information should be featured on the events calendar.

V. ROUND ROBIN

Mr. Eley invited REI Subcommittee members to share updates.

Mr. Martin announced on May 6 MVRPC's Board of Directors will consider a modification to the existing by-laws for the regional planning commission.

Mr. Martin reminded meeting participants that the State of Ohio authorization to meet virtually expires June 30. MVRPC staff is looking to hold hybrid meetings at Dayton Realtors during the transition period with teleconferencing and in person participation options.

Mr. Parks thanked MVRPC and its Board members who joined the Zoom call for the willingness of MVRPC to lead regionally on the topic of livability and equity.

Mr. Hankins provided an update on steps he's taking to host the Undesign the Redline exhibit in Trotwood.

Dr. Larry Burnley announced the University of Dayton has named its first Associate Director for Workforce Diversification. Also, he announced recent promotions. Tiffany Taylor-Smith is now Assistant Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion. Savalas Kidd is Assistant Vice President for Public Safety.

VI. DATEBOOK

- The call for contributions for [Imagining Community: Shaping a More Equitable Dayton](#) is open. This is a mini-conference. The deadline for submissions is May 24.
- The REI Subcommittee Meeting guest speaker on June 22 is **Denise E. Gilmore, Senior Director, Division of Social Justice and Racial Equity for the City of Birmingham, AL.**

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Eley invited REI Subcommittee members to share agenda items for the May 25 meeting. We want to make sure we strike the right balance.

Mr. Eley adjourned the meeting at 4:00pm.