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SOCIAL EQUITY COUNCIL | Policy Committee Minutes

January 28, 2022

Special Meeting of the Policy Committee of the Social Equity Council

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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**MINUTES:**
Meeting was called to order by Ed Shirley

Chairman Shirley did roll call:

Members Present:

* Michael Jefferson – Present
* Ojala Naeem - Present
* Joe Williams - Present
* Subira Gordon – Present

Staff Present: Ginne-Rae Clay, Jennifer Edwards, Sharon Hamilton

Noting a quorum, Chairman Shirley called meeting to order:

Review of proposed Equity Joint Venture Criteria. Documents required for SEA verification. Chairman Shirley ask for comments

Member Williams – expressed concerns with ownership and control aspect.

Discussion Ensued.

Chairman Shirley: Applicant & SEC License holder all the more reason for us to bear down. Applicant able to go to someone they trust. Ownership and control piece is critical.

Many ways agreements can be structured. Requires careful scrutiny.

Discussion Continued

Director Clay: responded to questions on whether Council has any control of influence over local zoning rules. “The Council has no say over local rules or regulations related to Zoning. All applicants must abide by Zoning Rules/DCP Regulations”

Chairman Shirley asked for a motion to *accept SEC Equity Joint Venture Criteria as written.*

Member Williams – Motion to accept

Member Jefferson – 2ND Motion

All In Favor

Jefferson, Williams, Naeem, Gordon

Opposed – None

Abstentions - None

Chairman Shirley: review and discussion on draft Policy committee Purpose Statement.

Document is an extensive list of possible roles and responsibilities of the committee.

Member Williams: Discussion on parts of the Purpose Statement

Director Clay: commented that the purpose statements for the Governance & Policy Committees can be very similar and suggested that the roles could be defined as internal(Governance) vs. external/programmatic(Policy) Discussion ensued

Director Clay: This is a document for consideration only. You can take anything off this or add anything. Members requested Director Clay revise the draft purpose statement and return to the committee for review and consideration.

Member Jefferson: requested update on the framework of the Cannabis study?

Chairman Shirley: How do we best address what we want the document to look at, to study, to address?

Discussion Ensued

Director Clay: Update from UConn will be provided at the February Council meeting. Interviews with council members have been completed. UConn is in the process of creating an MOU w/ State Police to review and analyze conviction and arrest data.

Chairman Shirley: We’ve been charged with making certain Legislative recommendations Would should have a mechanism that we can formulate a draft of all legislative proposals and recommendations

Member Naeem: committee should recommend a timeline to collect and submit information

Chairman Shirley: Any volunteers?

Member Jefferson: Yes, I will receive information. Let’s request running list of legislative recommendations from committees and move forward with a draft letter of proposals/recommendations. Member Jefferson offered to be the receiver of all recommends.

Discussion Ensued.

Member Jefferson: Yes, send to me and I will work with Staff Attorney on this.

Director Clay Noted Ownership & Control Criteria was previously voted on at the October committee meeting and will be moved to Full Council for action. Meeting Adjourned at 12:06PM

Chairman Shirley: Requested a motion to adjourn

Motion to adjourn - Joseph Williams

2nd - Michael Jefferson

All In Favor –

Williams, Jefferson, Naeem, Gordon

Nays - None

Abstentions - None

The SEC Policy Committee meets the 3rd Thursday of each month @ 10 am.