

CAN Community Council Meeting Notes

Monday, March 20, 2023

Zoom Video Conference

Present: Kelly Crook, Jenzie Zane, Donovan DePriest, Nora Comstock, Batool Abbasi, Nancy Gilliam, Dulce Gruwell, Patricia Longoria Camacho, Caroline Reynolds

Staff Present: Jelina Tunstill, Raul Alvarez, Carlos Soto

Guests: Ara Merjanian

Call to Order and Announcements	Donovon called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm. A quorum was present.
Approval of January 23, 2023 Minutes and February 27, 2023 Notes	The January 23, 2023 minutes and February 27, 2023 notes were unanimously approved on a motion by Kelly and a second by Nancy.
Community Council Chair's Report	Summary: Donovan stated there were no updates since there was no Board meeting in March.
Member Nominations	Summary: Sona Shah was unanimously voted in a new Community Council member serving a 2023-2025 term on a motion by Patricia and a second by Kelly.
Executive Director's Report	Summary: Raul announced that Wednesday, March 22 nd CAN has a press event to announce the availability of the resource guides that the Language Access Action Team developed. They are available in 10 different languages including English. The topics covered are: know your rights, managing your money, navigating the education system, staying safe in Austin, food, and health. On the 29th CAN will have the annual CAN Celebration and Butler Awards presentation. It will be in the morning at Brooke Elementary, so there will be breakfast tacos and coffee. In April we will have the third series of the Race Equity Principles in Practice Training. Last, we are working with Community Council to finish the workgroup reports.
Workplan Discussion	Summary: Donovan asked what the Community Council wants to look at moving forward. One of the main focuses for the CAN Board will be Ensuring an Equitable Economic Recovery and mental health. He asked how we can support the CAN Board with these priorities or work parallel with them on these priorities.

	<p>Another suggestion regarding Ensuring an Equitable Economic Recovery is considering how we are supporting children.</p> <p>Comments and Suggestions: Ara suggested assisting the CAN Board by helping them understand how a just economic recovery and mental health of the community fit together and identifying a long-term strategy. Raul added that the Expanding Opportunity Planning Team will meet this week and he stated after that meeting, he will have a better idea of where that team will go this year. He also extended an invitation to participate in that planning team. Batool suggested looking at the disaggregated data around the economic climate in Austin. Nancy suggested exploring what a community looks like after an equitable recovery and stated that it would be an interesting picture to draw. She stated that clarifying the end goal could help identify on how to move towards that goal. Ara suggested finding more measures that we can track on mental health. He suggested on presenting a framework on what a healthy resilient community looks like and what areas need to be covered in order to be a healthy resilient community. Raul stated that a lot of what has been talked about goes back to the Person-centered Community Framework the Community Council published a few years back. It may be one of the tools we revisit. Donovan suggested revisiting the Person-centered Community report and seeing where we are now with the recommendations in that report and that could be used as a base for the equitable economic recovery work. Ara suggested creating something that would memorialize the losses the community had due to COVID. Donovan added that part of an equitable economic recovery is remembering what happened is necessary to make sure the response is different when it happens again.</p>
Adjournment	Donovon adjourned the meeting 7:48 pm.