



Minutes for January 7, 2021

**Members attending the meeting:**

Christina Bouler, Mark Campen, Tiki Dixon, Coral Getino, Erin Gill, Tim Hill, Barbara Kelly, Terry Ledford, Gwen McKenzie, Amy Midis, Kent Minault, David Myers, Mike Odom, Haseeb Qureshi, Dr. Vivian Shipe, Dr. Stephen Smith

**Others in attendance:**

Facilitator: Dr. Bill Lyons

KUB Staff: Eddie Black, Gabriel Bolas, Susan Edwards, Derwin Hagood, Tiffany Martin, Mark Walker, John Williams, Elba Marshall

KUB Board Members: Dr. Jerry Askew, Claudia Caballero, Kathy Hamilton, Tyvi Small

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

The Community Advisory Panel met at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom on January 7, 2021. This being the first Community Advisory Panel meeting, Dr. Bill Lyons introduced himself and welcomed the group.

Dr. Lyons recognized Board Chair, Kathy Hamilton for welcoming remarks. Chair Hamilton welcomed the Panel and thanked them for their commitment to serving our community. Chair Hamilton recognized the other Commissioners in attendance. Chair Hamilton shared that the Board is looking forward to hearing the Panel's perspective and receiving input on major policy areas.

Next, Chair Hamilton recognized President and CEO, Gabriel Bolas for comments. Mr. Bolas echoed Chair Hamilton's gratitude for the Panel's service to the community. Mr. Bolas introduced members of KUB staff and said that he and the staff are looking forward to working with the Panel.

Next, Dr. Lyons had each of the Panel Members introduce themselves followed by a review of the panel's meeting structure, ground rules, and meeting schedule. Following review of the meeting schedule, Dr. Lyons asked for input from the Panel regarding topics they would like to discuss at future meetings.

Haseeb Qureshi suggested that the broadband meeting scheduled for March be moved up to February because of the importance of broadband to the community and that orientation move to videos on YouTube. This suggestion was supported by Dr. Stephen Smith and Kent Minault. Mr. Bolas agreed to move the broadband meeting to February and moving orientation to videos on YouTube or some other format.

Dr. Vivian Shipe wants to make sure the Panel is dealing with structural racism issues as it relates to KUB and the community it serves.

Gwen McKenzie asked what the process would be for addressing pressing issues brought to a Panel Member's attention that can't wait until the next meeting. Elba Marshall shared that Panel Members should email those issues to her and Dr. Lyons.

Haseeb Qureshi asked if there is anything the Panel should be aware of as we enter into storm season in March and April. KUB staff committed to sharing some information about KUB's process for responding to power outages (didn't we?)

Kent Minault would like the Panel to discuss transportation electrification, electric vehicle incentives, how to help low income communities enjoy advantages of electric vehicles, helping the City and KAT move to electrification, equitable rate structures, and increasing weatherization money available for low income communities.

Dr. Vivian Shipe shared that Panel Members should engage the communities they represent and bring their feedback to the Panel for discussion.

Kent Minault offered to have Jobs to Move America to speak to the Panel, if the group was interested.

Tiki Dixon would like to learn about the environmental programs KUB has in place to decrease negative impacts to the environment.

Following the discussion on meeting topics, the Community Advisory Panel adjourned at 7:08 p.m.