



## African American Equity Restoration Task Force

Community Empowerment

Regular Meeting

<http://knoxvilletn.gov>

### ~ Agenda ~

Monday, March 13, 2023

5:00 PM

Pellissippi State Magnolia Campus

### ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **CALL TO ORDER - 5:07pm,**
2. **ROLL CALL – S. Taylor, B. Lyons, R. Olum, D. Porter, T. Fitzgerald-Baker, M. Best, A. Olds, G. McKenzie**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes approved M. Best, Seconded by B. Lyons, motion carried for approval of Monday, January 9, 2023**

### 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EXTRAORDINARY MATTERS

KUB Community Expo – March 22, 2023, The Change Center 12pm-7pm and a Kid's activity station

### 5. STAFF REPORT

- a. Grant Report – T. Toombs – (See attached report) - AARP Opportunity w/ CAC - \$50K  
T. B – Literacy divide – (Comment) -

### 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Move past Committee Reports until we receive the template to Committee Chairs

T.Toombs – Strategy Retreat in the near Future –

TB – Our Accomplishments thus far – from T. Toombs - Also all of the monies that we have received and reported

- a. Executive
- b. Community Engagement
- c. Investment

### 7. PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS

a. Empower Knox, Raising Highly Capable Kids- Emily Norris –

Presentation – Youth Engagement for the City of Knoxville – Parenting Support

Raising Capable Kids from the City – 21 people trained – Building Community – Classes for parents need donations –copy of letter is in the packet of information – 13 week Course w Guides (leaders and participants)

Location of the classes – CAC, McNabb Center, Parks and Rec, Kicko partnering w/ the Boys and Girls Club – In-kind donations

TB – Leverage resources that are in place and several examples (Resilient Kids Website and Model)

M Best – What will be the engagement?

Summer in the City – Opening this Wednesday for Interns

b. Emerald Youth Facility Support- Kaylin Chesney & Steve Diggs – Kaylen Chesney, Christel Brown

Hannah Harper – Chief of Staff –

Kaylen Chesney – EYF – 5 years – To discuss possible East Knoxville Complex – Steps to take to have a complex in E. Knoxville; Engagement Committee – people that need to be talked to

(about 200 people); to date have talked to over 400 people; Conversations have been going well

started looking at the Midway part of Chilhowee Park; Collaboration of businesses, nonprofits, etc.

AARETF was on the list to talk to, - community engagement work right now,

Chrystal Brown – VP Program Development, 2 forums hosted – included youth and parents and community – opportunities for young people and families

Who should be doing the work with investment; what is the potential ad resources; community wants expanded of direct services (faith, learning and health); community wants advocacy, and generate interest; City's partnership has been help In the Lonsdale Community; EYf seek alignment with the group (direct service and resources) asking for support in ideation and formal commitment of support from this group with the inclusion of a possible facility.

- A. Olds – Job creation??? - Staffing opportunity – and offer AmeriCorp staffing – Centralizing Services – Incremental Growth -
- B. M. Best – Building of the facility – what would it look like. It is usually a city block – Contracts, economic impact –for the city, Lonsdale facility is leased from the donors.
- C. G. McKenzie – Another option other than the Boys and Girls Club; how the facility can be beneficial to the community as well.
- D. TB – What gaps exist already in E Knoxville, If it exists, can it be enhanced; why would we not want a facility? Can we benefit from those structures in East Knoxville
- E. G –Mc- table decision table to next meeting; Are there any members that need to tour the Lonsdale Facility

b. City of Knoxville Housing & Development Director- Kevin DuBose –

Housing Development - City of Knoxville – Left the city in 2005 and back – 12 years have worked in EYF – Planner by trade – City have the opportunity to help communities – Model cities program – repair urban renewal – out of it came the Turnkey 3 houses – Need investment back - housing goals –

TB – provide quarterly updates from Kevin? 15 years – grew by 1800 people, there is a supply issue; the missing middle is being zoned out (2 houses to 15 units) have to rethink our city;

- F. McKenzie – KCDC home ownership program – KD – need other partners with KCDC- cultivate partners to make homeowners –
- G. TB – Process of home ownership – and look for affordable housing –

H. G. McKenzie – ask KCDC participant to come to task force meeting to talk about their program; realtors association

C) East Knoxville Community Open House Engagement- Cheryl Ball –

Initiative that G. Mc and others have been working on – Investments, etc., a date has been set for **East Knoxville Community Open House on April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Jacob Building from 5-7pm**; AA Task Force to promote this event. Task Force to have a presence. Take the opportunity to engage the community on our work; Burlington streetscapes and timeline, Magnolia Street scape, East Knox Greenway, Riverside update, and Morningside park, Signage opportunities for Burlington, need feedback from the community; EYF to be invited to the engagement open house. Wants Task Force at the meeting –

City staff will be there to answer any questions;

TB – provide information and need the feedback. – List of the projects, list of investments, share ideas from the committee – input from the task force. Think about the entire community including East Knoxville

M. Best – Community Engagement – have a booth at the Jacobs Building as an outreach event for us as well; what is needed for us to bring

G. McKenzie – Disparities across this city – The task force is broader than East Knoxville

MBest – needs of the Task Force

D) Taskforce Flyer Discussion – Paige S – City of Knoxville – Print piece for the AARETF – (See Attached)

Next Steps - Most intense words

TB – Our charge and to make sure that the task force is doing what we need to do have it out for print

G Mc – Visit the Beck Website for the History on Urban Renewal

TB – Add what we want and a large photo of the flyer for the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting;

Edits to T Toombs - How to give to the Task Force; Deadline for revisions should be by Friday, March 17, 2023 bby 12N

**8. PUBLIC FORUM - No public**

**9. ADJOURNMENT – M Best; S.. Taylor at 6:28pm**

*Next Meeting: April 10, at 5:00pm at TBD*

*Submitted by:*

*Deborah W Porter*