



### **Regular Meeting-Agenda**

Monday, December 11, 2023

5:00 P.M.

Pellissippi State Community College

1) Call to order

Fitzgerald-Baker called the meeting to order at 5:08 pm

2) Roll call

Present: Best, Taylor, Olum, Lyons, Fitzgerald-Baker, Porter, Underwood

3) Approval of minutes: November 13, 2023

Motion by Underwood, 2nd by Lyons, passed on unanimous voice vote

4) Staff report

State of Black Knoxville Report (by Toombs; see meeting handout). Toombs got a detailed list of the information that can be pulled for us. Any concerns or questions should go to Toombs. Most of the information comes through the American Community Survey, and this goes through 2021 (which is the most recent available at this time).

Federal Reserve Bank Meeting (Toombs). Toombs spoke with representatives in Atlanta, and they are coming to Knoxville to lay out for us what opportunities are possible. Toombs will update the task force as more information becomes available.

5) Committee reports

Fitzgerald-Baker: Members of the Task Force met to discuss information about Census Data sets. We prioritized data points that were interested in receiving additional information about as they align with the anticipated Strategic Plan.

6) Guest Speaker(s)

- a. Sherridan Smee- Director of Operations, Renaissance Creations

Not present due to illness; will meet with the Task Force at a later date.

- b. Aubrey Weiland- Research Associate, Knoxville/Knox Co. Planning

Census data on the Policy Map can show home ownership (including home values), small business, and workforce equity

In Power Point, see links to:  
American Community Survey (pulls from Census)  
Data.census.gov  
Knox County by the Numbers

Discussion: Fitzgerald-Baker, Lyons

7) Task Force Business and Announcements

- a. Strategic Framework Vote

Motion by Best to approve with effective date on 1/01/24, 2nd by Taylor (and Olum), passed on unanimous voice vote.

- b. Economic Mobility Grant Opportunities

To be discussed in January

- c. Committee meetings are cancelled this month due to the holidays

- d. Task Force meeting is on January 8, 2024; however, the Committees won't meet this month, so the Committees should meet on January 8th instead. The Task Force meeting will start meeting in February on the 12th.

- e. Porter reviewed the schedule for the MLK Day celebration events (Deb will send out a flyer to the group). The City sponsors 3 tables at the Legacy Luncheon, so some Task Force members can join there. A full page ad is \$175 if the Task Force wants to do this. Motion to provide an ad with the official brochure, in support of the MLK Luncheon by Lyons, 2nd by Olum, passed on unanimous voice vote.

- f. On Dec. 14, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. there is a ribbon cutting at Morningside.

- g. On Dec. 14, 2023, there is also the annual Winter Wonderland at the YWCA Phyllis Wheatley Center at 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

- h. Christmas at Burlington will be on Saturday, December 16h from noon to 5:00 p.m. Music, dance, resource/retail vendors, photos with Santa, food trucks, etc.

8) Public forum

No speakers signed up

9) Adjournment

Fitzgerald-Baker closed the meeting at 5:38 p.m.

**Next meeting:**

January 8, 2024 at 5:00pm at Pellissippi State Community College- Magnolia campus for **Committees**