

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
June 18, 2018
Auditorium

Present: Councilmembers O’Leary, Anderson, Bullock, George, Litten, O’Leary, O’Malley, & Rader

Also Present: Dan Cohn, Vicki Smigelski & Erin R. Murphy of the Foundation Planning Task Force, members of the recommended Board slate

Call to Order: 6:55 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 9004-18 – A RESOLUTION to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, adopting the recommendations of the Foundation Planning Task Force for the creation of the Healthy Lakewood Foundation, the appointment of its initial board and the approval of its initial governing documents, all in accordance with the Master Agreement governing healthcare in Lakewood dated December 21, 2015.

Mr. O’Leary expressed his intention that this be the last meeting at which Councilmembers engage with Task Force members. Future meetings may be held on this topic but they will be limited to Council’s internal deliberations.

Ms. Murphy and Mr. Cohn addressed questions by Councilmembers that they received via email. Ms. Murphy framed the conversation by distinguishing the different roles of the Task Force members and future Board members.

Q: Mr. O’Malley emailed a question pertaining to the change made in the Code of Regulations regarding the dissolution of the Foundation. The updated Code stipulates that if the Foundation dissolves then its assets must go to a non-profit serving the health and wellness needs of Lakewood. Mr. O’Malley asked about the spirit of the change and how many such non-profits currently exist.

A: Ms. Murphy replied that future Board members would be best suited to identify the specific organizations eligible to receive the Foundation’s assets if necessary. Ms. Murphy clarified that the funds must go to an organization with a similar mission.

Q: Councilmember Bullock emailed a question asking how the work of the Foundation will interface with the existing work being done by City Human Services, County Public Health and health care providers in the City.

A: Ms. Murphy responded that the Task Force made it clear in its guiding principles that it wants the Board and the Foundation to embrace collaboration and to not duplicate efforts. The specifics of how they will achieve this will be up to them. She also added that these stakeholders were engaged by the Task Force early on.

Discussion:

Mayor Summers remarked that the great benefit of having the Healthy Lakewood Foundation is that it will bring a focus on health to Lakewood along with the resources to take action.

Councilmember Bullock and Task Force members dialogued further about the potential work of the Foundation.

Q: Councilmember Rader emailed a question regarding the Task Force's decision to make the Board self-perpetuating.

A: Task Force members explained their rationale for requiring the Board to select its own replacement members rather than have the City appoint replacements. The Task Force discussed their decision making process leading to this decision.

Q: Councilmember Litten asked what may happen if the Board were to deviate significantly from its own governing documents.

A: Task Force members replied that any Board member would be entitled to take legal action in this circumstance and that affected members of the public could potentially take legal action as well.

Councilmember O'Leary expressed his intention to adjourn Committee of the Whole and to continue discussion on this Resolution on the floor of Council during the General Meeting.

Committee of the Whole adjourned at 7:28 p.m.