September 25, 2019
5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
General Session/Regular Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Members Present:
1. Sarah Burch
2. Justin Hodge
3. Juanita House
5. Mark McBride
6. Jo Ann McCollum
7. Desmond Miller
8. Rhonda Weathers

Members Absent:
1. Danyelle Reynolds (Excused)
3. Elizabeth Janovic (excused)
4. Shoshana DeMaria (excused)
5. Mary Phillips-Smith (unexcused)
6. Cherisa Allen (unexcused)
7. Ryan Hunter (unexcused)

Staff Present: Teresa Gillotti, Caitlin Nagler
Staff Absent: Morghan Williams,
Guest: Bridget Healy and Amanda Reel (United Way)

I. Call to Order
   • Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
   • McCollum stated no quorum, not able to make any decisions as a board

II. Welcome and Introductions
   • New CAB Community Representative member, Sarah Burch
     o (note: not sworn in yet, so not yet a voting member)

III. Public Comments
   • No public comments at this time

IV. Approval of September 25, 2019 Meeting Agenda
   • No quorum

V. Approval of July 24, 2019 Meeting Minutes
   • No quorum
VI. **United Way Grant Reviewer Training**
- Bridget Healy and Amanda Reel present on United Way mission, vision, values, services, etc.
- Discussion about United Way Opportunity Fund, the goals and criteria of the grant opportunity
- CAB members can get more involved in funding decisions through grant review process
- Opportunity Fund supports organizations whose work benefits people with low income, people of color, other communities that have been marginalized
- A way for nonprofits to pilot an idea, pilot program
- Amanda presents Foundant demo; any volunteers who want paper copies of applications to review, let Amanda know
- CAB members write name and email on sign-up sheet if interested in volunteering as a grant reviewer

VII. **CAB Bylaws Review and Approval**
- Updating bylaws discussion only, not able to approve any changes because no quorum
- “excessive absenteeism”
  a. Definition: 3 or more unexcused
  b. Question: do we need to specify excused vs. unexcused? Or is it just “3 absences”
- Changing membership from 16 to a range, 15 – 17
  a. For tripartite board, minimum number must be divisible by 3
  b. Or, does it even need to be a range? Or just a set number
  c. CAB members present support 15 members, instead of a range
- Consumer sector, democratic selection process
  a. Question: should “low-income” be defined?
  b. Question: should we consider designating seats on the board for specific neighborhoods across the county to ensure that our recruitment efforts occur and are targeted?
- Reimbursement of expenses for CAB members
  a. Instead of a stipend or per diem, we will use mileage reimbursement and reimbursement of childcare expenses

VIII. **Announcements**
- CMH Budget updates
  a. CMH and Admin hiring freezes on certain positions
  b. Comm. Jefferson mentions that the 2019 deficit still needs to be paid
  c. Equity Manager hiring on hold; we hired the Equity Officer already
- Census 2020
  a. Next Complete Count Committee meeting this coming Tuesday at the LRC
  b. Possible mini-grants available to help ensure people get counted
  c. Still hiring people for Census jobs
Email Caitlin about which days work best for November meeting

IX. **Board: New Business**

X. **CAB Member Discussion**
   - McCollum discusses rat problem in West Willow neighborhood
     a. Pipeline, not draining properly, because of the grade, wasn’t done right
     b. Not enough monitoring of property and company done
     c. Administrator Dill hiring exterminator who is assessing, and will see how to safely exterminate the rats
     d. How can we put cost burden back on the company, and hold the company accountable?
     e. McCollum says there has been excellent response by local gov officials who have been assisting in resolving the matter
   - Gault Village shopping center issues with developer
     a. Dilapidated building with black mold
     b. Maybe develop in 3 years, developer said; too many code violations needing urgent repair, so development will be delayed
   - Comm. Jefferson talks about Road Commission, pesticides issue
     a. Residents have asked Washtenaw Road Commission to stop using chemical herbicides, but the commission has refused
     b. The Board of Commissioners exploring different options to deal with the issue

XI. **Public Comment**
   - Member of the public just moved to Ypsilanti, likes seeing how engaged the CAB is
   - Another public comment about a walk raising awareness of mental health issues, open to the public, in Detroit

XII. **Adjourn**
   - Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.