Members Present: Ben Damerow, Bobby Hopewell, Don Cooney, Cykeia Lee, Patrese Griffin, Sholanna Lewis, Carol McGlinn, Tim Ready, Linda Snyder, Brenda Hughes

City Staff: Dorla Bonner, Community Investment Manager; Laura Lam, Assistant City Manager; Sean Fletcher, Director of Parks & Recreation; Kevin Ford, Shared Prosperity Kalamazoo Coordinator, Jennifer Gutierrez, Community Investment Secretary

Members Absent:

Guests: None

Call to Order
Vice Chair McGlinn called the meeting to order at approximately 12:33 pm.

Roll Call
Mr. Ford conducted roll call of Organizing Committee members and determined quorum existed.

Approval of Absences

Approval of Minutes
A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

Approval of Agenda
Mr. Cooney, supported by Mr. Damerow, approved the agenda. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed. Cooney/Damerow

Reports of Officers, Boards and Committees
None

New Business
None

Unfinished Business (unfinished or pending matters)
2019 Organizing Committee Work
Discussing SPK Cross-Cutting Opportunities

The discussion was based on 2019 Organizing Committee work as it applies to cross-cutting issues and objectives from the SPK plan. The conversation oscillated from Goal Team activity to recommendation process and timelines within the process document. A clear and unique body of work—complementary to the work of the Goal Teams—for the Organizing Committee to complete in 2019 was not agreed upon. Clarity around this issue will have to be revisited in the upcoming months.
Ms. McGlinn stated that work should be done related to advocacy, direct community engagement. Goal Teams should provide recommendations, just jump into the process and allow for Goal Teams to do work. Mr. Damerow lifted up that the timeline for delivering a pilot project may be difficult to get information from the Goal Teams to the Organizing Committee by January; a more feasible time may be early February.

Ms. Lewis questioned if the April deadline was too tight a time and perhaps the Goal Teams should be allowed more time; Organizing Committee Chair Hopewell indicated that the April deadline will be maintained and, if needed, adjusted and more time added.

Mr. Hopewell, supported by Ms. Hughes, moved to keep the recommendation process as is, maintain the April timeline within the process, and that Goal Team recommendations don’t have to come at the same time to the Organizing Committee. Mr. Cooney abstained, Mr. Ready opposed.

Mr. Lynn wanted to know if there were any conversations on data tracking occurring at the Goal Team level? It is important to have mechanisms to track people we put in the system to see if we’re moving the needle on intergenerational poverty.

Ms. McGlinn suggested that cross-cutting strategies from SPK Plan should be thought about at the Organizing Committee level and establish how Goal Teams are incorporating cross-cutting strategies. Mr. Hopewell recommended having Goal Team chairs decide how to move cross-cutting items forward.

Ms. Lewis will share work she’s doing related to Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation (TRHT) as it relates to the cross-cutting strategy to “build capacity of systems and service providers to identify and address internal and systemic racism and other bias” from the SPK Plan.

Ms. Lam proposed leveraging knowledge base of Organizing Committee (i.e. what Organizing Committee members are connected to in the community, what information they have of opportunities in the community) to inform Goal Teams in order to minimize the possibility of reinventing existing work.

Miscellaneous

Public Comments—General

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 1:58 pm.
Submitted by: Kevin Ford Dated: 12/17/18
(Recording Secretary)

Reviewed by: [Signature]
(Staff Liaison) Dated: 4-29-19

Approved by: [Signature]
(SPK Organizing Committee Chair/Vice Chair) Dated: 4-29-19