

# City of Seattle Resilience District Advisory Group Meeting Notes

## Meeting Details

Date:	Thursday, March 30, 2023
Location:	Georgetown Steam Plant (6605 13 <sup>th</sup> Ave S Seattle, WA 98108)
Participants:	<u>Advisory Group Members</u> : Alissa Campbell, Andrew Schiffer, Ani Jayakaran, Crystal Brown, Curtis Allan, Edwin Hernandez, Jessica Miller, Johnny Bianchi, Justin Howell, Marty Oppenheimer, Paulina Lopez, Robin Schwartz, Sam Farrazaino, Susan Davis, and Tim Neill <u>City of Seattle Staff and Consultants</u> : Alberto Rodriguez, David Goldberg, Priya Saxena, Raman Khanna, and Seferiana Day
Agenda Items:	Please see page three for the meeting agenda used to guide this session.

## Follow Up Tasks

- **Next Meeting:** Onboarding and Orientation, Part 2 of 2 on Saturday, April 8, 2023 from 10 am to 1 pm at South Transfer Station (130 S. Kenyon St.)
- **Facilitators and City of Seattle Team**
  - Compile questions from Advisory Group members and share written responses
  - Use Advisory Group member preferences to assign Working Groups
  - Organize Guiding Principles ideas thematically for refinement at 4/8 meeting
  - Share proposed Group Agreements with brief explanations with Group members via SurveyMonkey for approval and feedback
- **Group Members**
  - Share approval and feedback on proposed Group agreements

## Summary Notes

The following notes summarize information shared and group member conversations. Notes were compiled and drafted by Raman Khanna (Equitable Future).

### Welcome and Meeting Overview

Our first two meetings (on 3/30 and 4/8) are our “Onboarding and Orientation” meetings. They are an opportunity for Advisory Group members to learn about the Resilience District project, get to know fellow Group members, discuss Guiding Principles that will inform Resilience District solutions, and engage in learning about racial equity and the City of Seattle Race and Social Justice Initiative.

### Connection Moments

Meeting participants formed pods of two or three to introduce themselves, share happy memories about the Duwamish Valley, and what their hopes are for the communities in the Duwamish Valley.

## **Resilience District Overview**

Alberto Rodríguez from Office of Sustainability and Environment and David Goldberg from Office of Planning Community Development shared a presentation that included the key points bulleted below. This presentation will be saved to the City of Seattle Resilience District Advisory Group SharePoint site.

- Environmental and personal health disparities between Duwamish Valley neighborhoods (Georgetown and South Park) compared to other communities in Seattle.
- History of the Duwamish Valley Program and the Duwamish Valley Action Plan which preceded and greatly informs the Resilience District. While Duwamish Valley Action Plan was co-created with deep community engagement, this did not include industrial businesses and their representatives along the Duwamish River.
  - The Resilience District will include more of a focus on connecting industrial business with the rest of the Duwamish Valley community
- Funding of the Resilience District comes from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The funding is supporting consultant teams focused on community engagement and facilitation, sea level rise, municipal financing, organizational development, and racial equity.
  - The grant work began in November 2020 and was delayed heavily due to Covid-19.
- Resilience District includes three Focus Areas:
  - Physical infrastructure that prevents and respond to rising sea levels.
  - Financing infrastructure that supports physical infrastructure and other projects to support health and equity in the residential and industrial areas.
  - Organizational infrastructure like a community entity that responds to and builds on community strengths and supports resilience in the Duwamish Valley
- How we'll do this work includes the City of Seattle Resilience District Advisory Group and broader, inclusive community engagement.
  - The Advisory Group comprises Duwamish Valley community members and local organization and industrial businesses and landowner representatives, but is not representative of all communities in the Duwamish Valley. They will provide guidance on Resilience District efforts and draft solutions.
  - Broader community engagement will include large community events and open houses, briefings at community group meetings, tabling and office hours, social media, and more. Advisory Group members will be expected to take feedback and input from broader community engagement into consideration in their work.
- Group members were given handouts where they were able to write down questions, they had about the Resilience District Overview presentation. Questions would be reviewed by City staff and the Facilitation team and answers would be written, shared, and presented at the upcoming meeting to ensure all questions were given a response.

## **Racial Equity Training (Part 1 of 2)**

Seferiana Day facilitated a training session so all Advisory Group members have the opportunity to develop a shared understanding of race, racial equity, institutional and systemic racism, how to apply a racial equity lens to work, and the City of Seattle Race and Social Justice Initiative. Group members had small group discussions about their understanding of race and racial equity and their experiences considering racial equity in their lives. Group members then had a robust conversation of what equity means and how it can show up in real life.

### **Building Draft Guiding Principles (Part 1 of 2)**

Priya shared information about what Guiding Principles are, their importance, and how they can inform Resilience District work. We also shared the Racial Equity Outcomes from the Duwamish Valley Action Plan as an example of what types of Guiding Principles have been generated in the past. Group members participated in an exercise where they developed three ideas for Guiding Principles, shared out their ideas, and discussed connections and contradictions. Group members will continue refining draft Guiding Principles and the City team will share these with broader community to gather feedback and refine the themes.

### **Developing Draft Advisory Group Agreements (Part 1 of 2)**

Group members were eager to continue sharing ideas for Guiding Principles and discuss connections among ideas. During the meeting, Priya recommended a pivot in the agenda to continue discussion on Guiding Principles. Group members suggested Priya share proposed Advisory Group agreements via a survey tool so they could review the proposed agreements, provide feedback, and rank their approval on a scale of 1 to 5. As such, we did not discuss proposed Advisory Group Agreements at this meeting. Instead, Group members received an online survey to share their feedback and approval of the proposed Agreements and feedback will be shared at the meeting on 4/8.

## **Meeting Agenda**

<b>Expected Duration</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
10 minutes	Welcome + Meeting Overview	Participants are clear on our agenda and are oriented to our meeting space.
20-minutes	Connection Moments	Participants have constructive opportunities to connect with one another and get to know other group members.
15-minutes	Round of Introductions	An efficient round of introductions so all meeting participants know one another's names and connection to the Duwamish Valley.
25-minutes	Resilience District Overview	City Staff can share an overview of the Resilience District work, goals, how we'll work together, and a work schedule.
5-minutes	Break Time	Participants take a moment for themselves and to connect with each other.
40-minutes	Racial Equity Training (Part 1 of 2)	Participants will build understanding on key racial equity topics & why we lead with a racial equity lens and
30-minutes	Developing Draft Guiding Principles (Part 1 of 2)	Facilitators will gather initial input on Guiding Principles that will inform group decision-making.
5-minutes	Break Time	A second opportunity to take a break and connect with other group members.
25-minutes	Developing Draft Advisory Group Agreements (Part 1 of 2)	Facilitators will share proposed Advisory Group Agreements and collect detailed feedback from group members.
5-minutes	Wrap Up + Close Meeting	Review what we accomplished and what to expect at our April 8 <sup>th</sup> Advisory Group meeting.