



IDEA Meeting - December 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes

All participants present via Zoom Webinar

IDEA Committee Leaders: Dr. Lisa White, Mayor Spalding, Council Member Brisk

IDEA City Representatives: Vida Farwana, Mohit Gupta, Abe Jacob, Shohba Painter, Anita Patel, Tiana Samuels

IDEA Stakeholder Representatives: Ben Collins, Nicole Dempsey, Kimberly Lee Minor, Dr. Nwando Olayiwola, Benjamin Reid, Renee Shumate, Jennie Wilson

Public: Council Member Matt Shull

City Staff: City Manager Joseph Stefanov, Administrative Services Director Adrienne Joly, Clerk of Council Jennifer Mason

Unable to attend: LaVerne Fudge-Williamson, Ofra Eliav Greenshtein, and Paul Naumoff

I. Welcome

The meeting began at 4:03 and Mayor Spalding provided opening remarks. As a result of the Engage New Albany process and the recent Resident Survey. He appreciated everyone's participation so far. Marlene Brisk also provided opening remarks and she was excited to talk about where we are currently, where we can go, and where we fall short. She provided a brief introduction of our consultant Lisa White.

II. Introductions

Lisa White introduced herself and spoke about her personal experiences and why the important work of the IDEA Committee resonates for her. Because this was the first opportunity for the group to meet one another virtually. At the suggestion of Dr. White, the IDEA Committee members introduced themselves one by one. They included their current role, and what they hoped to accomplish through their participation.

Dr. White's internet connection was interrupted and she was subsequently kicked off the zoom call. Mayor Spalding gave closing remarks indicating that he was very pleased with the talent displayed during the first meeting.

Agenda items that were not able to be addressed during this meeting:

1. Defining diversity
2. Developing the statement of purpose
3. Discussion of outreach strategy and goals for the future

4. Action items to accomplish before the next meeting

5. Adjournment and scheduling of next meeting

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.