

Livability Project: Workforce and Civic Engagement Workgroup Report of November 12, 2010

Recommendations

- Understand the changes ahead in Nashville's workforce
- Take a pro-active approach to engaging retirees and seniors

The workgroup as a committee has not met since the last Livability Project meeting.

There are three primary reasons for this:

1. The workgroup made a decision to wait until the Nashville Chamber of Commerce's Study/Seminar on the changes in Nashville's workforce to consider how it could complement and not duplicate the Chamber's report. Toks Omishakin of the Mayor's office will be reporting on work with the Chamber of Commerce.
2. The workgroup also made a decision to delay action on civic engagement until the Cities of Service Plan had a leader with whom the group could work. That is now in place.
3. Since the May floods, Nashvillians have been very engaged in volunteer efforts. This has also meant that those providing leadership in civic engagement have been tremendously overburdened. The timing was not good to begin another initiative.

Several actions have been taken to get the committee moving again.

1. In order to efficiently use committee members' time, this workgroup will divide into two subcommittees: one on workforce and one on civic engagement.
2. The chairman met with Laurel Creech, chief service officer of Nashville's new Cities of Service Plan (Impact Nashville). Ms Creech will be a member of the civic engagement subcommittee of this workgroup.
3. The next meeting of the workforce subcommittee will analyze the Chamber's report and how it fits into the workgroup's plans. Mr. Omishakin will meet with the workforce subcommittee.

Future Actions

Both workgroup subcommittees will meet in the next 4-8 weeks and develop action plans, time lines and list of resources needed.

Workgroup Members

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