

**Grand River Voices
Stakeholder Advisory Board (SAB) Meeting
September 22, 2022
Zoom (5-7pm)
Meeting Minutes**

Attendees (video): Angelica Velasquez, Attah Obande, Elaine Isely, Emily Aleman-McAlpine, Eric Haslinger, Jessica Ledesma, Julieta Tablante-Blanco, Julio Cano, Keli Christopher, Lynee Wells, Stacy Stout, Synia Gant-Jordon, Teresa Branson (phone), Tiawanna Ezell, plus support staffing by Daniel Tellalian (Angel City Advisors), Javier Cervantes (Khamai Strategies), Cynthia Guzman and Leah Hubbard (Estolano Advisors), Andy Guy (DGRI), Ciarra Adkins (City of GR OEE)

Not Attending: Jason Quigno, plus support staff Adnoris Torres (GRI) and Candy Isabel (Khamai Strategies),

Meeting Discussion & Actions

1. The meeting was called to order.
2. Administrative matters were attended to relating to agenda, SAB roles, and future meetings.
3. Board members made reports on recent outreach including the Mayors' River Cleanup, the GVAIL Pow Wow at Riverside Park, the Black Voices at the River event planning, a September listening session, planned October listening sessions, and the launch of a new short survey on the website.
4. Daniel Tellalian made a presentation on achieving accountability. He noted that accountability is not punishment, but instead a data-driven effort towards continuous improvement. He also spoke on the interconnectedness of accountability and transparency.
5. The Board engaged in discussion around three prompts related to achieving accountability. Those included:
 - a. Setting Measurable Goals, including the specificity of metrics without getting bogged down in measurement over impact.
 - b. Who are How Information is Collected, including how to make good use of existing data sets and make relevant material broadly accessible.
 - c. How Stakeholders can Absorb and Seek Improvement, including potential report cards, oversight bodies, and enforcement mechanisms.
6. The Board reviewed the working definition of and equity framework and focused in on the notion that a Framework is most potent if adopted as a *Common Equity Agenda*.
7. Daniel illustrated to the Board a potential cadence by an Equity Framework could be embedded into civic infrastructure. He mentioned the need for:

- a. A high-quality framework that is derived from community input and ideas.
 - b. A signaling by the writers, the sponsors, and the advisory board of common values and a commitment to equity.
 - c. An initial set of key organizational adopters, followed by a rolling cadence of additional organizational endorsements.
 - d. A common campaign and digital platform for securing ongoing commitments.
8. The Board further discussed the viability and strategy of implementing the ideas in an equity framework. Some specific examples were shared.

The meeting was adjourned with a next meeting set for October 18th to be held live in Grand Rapids.