Better Together Advisory Board Minutes  
January 7, 2020


Absent: Jon Abercrombie, Faiza Haji

The Better Together Advisory Board unanimously approved the minutes of the November 5, 2019 Advisory Board meeting after a motion from Erin Braden and a second from Paula Collins.

The check-in questions were “What calls you or motivates you to say Yes to this Advisory Board? What gifts/assets do you bring with you?

We reviewed the 2019 Accomplishments including the Affordable Housing Task Force, Welcoming Business Award, Racial Equity Institute Groundwater Presentation, Decatur Dinners, Welcoming America’s Welcoming Week Kick-off, Calendar Resource Initiative, Lovable City Initiative, Non-Discrimination Ordinance.

The 2020 Strategic Plan kick-off will be January 23, 2020 from 7-9 p.m. at the Decatur Conference Center.

Ed Lee led a discussion around “What’s Next for 2020?”

Better Together Common Themes include:
- Establishing and sustaining relationships
- Sense of accountability leads to legitimacy
- Educating partners and educating the larger community members – public education and outreach

Went Back to the Community Action Plan:
- Policing
- The business community
- Governmental accountability
- Creating a welcoming public space – who is this city for? Think about language, colors, access to public restrooms
- Asset Map – entities vested in this work – How do we activate that map? Enliven that?

Extensions of BTAB

Relationships drive where we are. Think about those 5 areas. Where would you like to spend your energy?