

OGAG Meeting Minutes - draft

January 10, 2019

Location: Mt. Pleasant library

Attending

- Tiffany Crowe, Chair - Public Member
- Barney Krucoff, Vice-Chair - the Chief Data Officer of the Office of the Chief Technology Officer, OCTO
- Alan Karnofsky - representative of the Office of the City Administrator
- Rebecca Katz- representative of the Executive Office of the Mayor
- Julie Kanzler - representative of the Chief Technology Officer, OCTO
- Shannon Turner - Public Member
- Sandra Moscoso- Public Member
- Josh Tauberer - Public Member
- Robert Becker - Public Member
- Kathryn Pettit - Public Member
- Thomas Moir - representative of the Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel
- Zach Walter - Representative of the Council of the District of Columbia
- Jennifer Comey - representative of Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education
- David Tseng - representative of Office of the Chief Financial Officer
- Elaine Block - representative of the Office of the Attorney General, Director of
- Niquelle M. Allen - Director, Office of Open Government - should be changed on website
- Victoria Wassmer- representative of Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice/Deputy City Administrator

Not attending:

- Karuna Seshasai - representative of the Executive Office of the Mayor General Counsel
- Marie Whittaker - representative of Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development
- Faith Leach - representative of the Deputy Mayor for Greater Economic Opportunity
- Jay Melder - representative of Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services
- VACANT- representative of the DC Public Library

Committee report out

Kathy: Open Data Committee: We met twice - summary is at:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1u_bITGdlo2i81YvS-tfByADHSQiZgWKezsa5JXryPBo/edit

Jen - The content for the school planning data is done and we are working with OCTO to improve the website. Often not thinking of the audiences & users. It is not routine yet to also post things on the open data website.

David Tseng: Agency subcommittee - met and had a couple of outcomes. CFO publishes economic data - request to have the data in excel form in addition to the PDF form. Other takeaway is that the ANC - are an important portal for information to share with the public. They contacted the Executive Director Mr. Gottlieb of the ANCs - they are looking for additional information to making.

Bob Becker: Mr. Gottlieb has opposed transparency measures in the past. Some ANC.

Josh Tauberer: There have been ad hoc committee emails on defining open government experience for the mayor.

Tiffany: We can put it on the agenda for next meeting so everyone can participate.

Bob: there is still a seat open on BEGA. The committee decided not to confirm Tamika xxx. Charles Allen reached out the to Open Govt Coalition. We met with Chip Conahan, the other nominee. He has been involved in federal and state agencies, so he has awareness of Open data and FOIA, but not expertise. He understands the issues, but can't represent the issues at the board.

Tiffany: Public outreach committee wanted to meet outside the Wilson building. The CDO report - the public part of that is letting them know that we have an opinion. It will be more efficient to have the subgroups do the work and bring it out to the group.

Barney: The mayor has named a chief Technology officer - Lindsey Parker, who already works for the mayor. Also worked for IT companies, on the internal communications side. She has not started yet. He will be wrapped up in transition. We have briefed her on the privacy policy, which has not had major changes since the last report. There will be some sort of advisory committee for privacy - whether through OGAG or parallel. There is a natural tension.

Tiffany: At the last meeting, she was seeking feedback.

Barney: On the website, there is a definition of PII that we have proposed, It is progressive, because it includes unique identifier like MAG address. This is sometimes kept internally for security. Most iot devices do not send this back. This is how many people walked by, but not who walked by.

Bob: The definition will prompt

Barney - what we already promised and will deliver in Mid-March is an inventory of data, which is what we collect.

Bob - there's lots of data that is collected that no one needs. But it is there to be hacked.

Barney - the policy said, if you don't need it, you shouldn't collect it. Before, we didn't know what was collected.

Julie - that is the point, because it gives us language to talk about it.

Barney - we made progress on this last year and this committee helped. Last year, for the CDO annual report, he went through recommendations with OGAG before publishing. I plan to do the same this year, but need to look at dates. One of the roles that OGAG look at. Look at OGAG data inventory last year, and we will publish a new one. Part of the role is to advise us on what things we are not making public that should be public. The inventory is a good source of that. It is assumed that citizens should come to this group to complain if they think data should be there.

Tiffany - would the ANCs be good resource for gathering that information? What are the channels to get that input?

Barney - OGAG is a surrogate for larger groups. It is one thing to send a survey- another thing to visit them all. OGAG is appointed from different backgrounds,

Julie - could we do a small event? We always invite people to the meetings, could we choose 1 meeting to be more promoting . DO something with sticky notes and stickers.

Barney - the mayor's website has alot of open data on it. Some is showy, some is useful. Mostly not new, but repackageged information. It would be great to take a look at for what the committee thinks.

Bob - one - how to create disclosable subsets of level 2 dataset. The level 3 and 4 may prohibited from disclosure, but level 2 likely has data that can be segregated

Barney - This is true for level 3 too. That would be a great thing to to look through the inventory. Census Bureau has a good methodology. What is a safe level of aggregation so someone can't be reverse identified.

Tiffany - we have momentum - take a few minutes to write a resolution on behalf of the group and one resolution on behalf of oneself.

Barney - train agencies on FOIA public reading room and add comment. Fritz Mulhouser came to our office and showed us that we . We don't use it well. We can't use it for everything, but we need to reach the FOIA officers.

Elaine: It's important suggestion of having the meetings at night

Tiffany - I would like someone from the public attend every meeting. A vote for evening meetings did not pass. One of my goals - including the public

Josh - the terms of the public members will expire at the beginning of June. I will find someone to recommend to take my place.

Shannon - my understanding that we would be eligible to be appointed for another 3 year term.

Tiffany - if that is the case, people who would like to be re-appointed should communicate that.

Barney - an easy task - evaluate the website of a handful of states/cities and identify ways they are doing a better job than dc.gov.

Rebecca - we would need to come up with a rubric to know what we are looking for.

Bob - in this iteration of the council, judiciary committee, chaired. FOIA has been moved to the committee of the whole, for reasons not clear. FOIA is closely related to the OOG and the OOG should be involved in it.

David Tseng - may not be a bad thing. The committee of the whole is chaired by Councilperson mendelson, who wields more power.

Tiffany - this elevates the profile of the issue.

Bob - separately oversight of open meetings from oversight of FOIA and not alot of expertise or time to deal with FOIA.

Tiffany - please send agenda items to her 2 weeks before the meeting. If it is something,

Julie - there are good resolutions, maybe next meetings, we can prioritize things and decide.

Bob - Sunshine week March 10-16 and OOG program will be on Tuesday, March 12 at ABA Washington office. Makes motion to adjourn

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