



Highlights | October 28, 2020

Topic: Outside the (Ballot) box: Planning and Advocacy

Attendees:

Alison Hastings, Ann Tomalavage, Benjamin Saracco, Bryon Yoder, Dick Linderman, Kadafi El-Kardah, Kate White, Latoya Maddox, Laura Pyott, Lauren Alden, Liz Rogan, Loretta Kelly, Lori Howard, Madge Monser, Mari Gonzalez, Marisa Jones (she/her), Mathew Tharakan, Matulewicz Matulewicz, Michael Clemmons, Morgan Hugo, Natalie Scott, Queen Judith Robinson, Rachelle Gizinski, Russell Zerbo, Sarah Saddler, Scott Berman, Shoshana Akins, Soren Harward, Steve Clark, Valerie Brown, Yi (Tianyi Shao)

Welcome and Meeting Overview

led by Shoshana Akins, DVRPC and Rachelle Gizinsk, PPTF Chair

DVRPC Presentations

Background on DVRPC: Alison Hastings,

Alison gave a background of our region, how the DVRPC was formed and what our relationship is to government and elected officials.

Equal Access for Persons with Disabilities: Morgan Hugo, Latoya Maddox and Lauren Alden Liberty Resources Inc

Morgan provided background and an overview of Liberty Resources Inc resources. Latoya focused on their advocacy work involving transit and housing. Lauren provided information about their Voter Registration program REV Up and their food distribution project.

Environmental Justice in New Jersey: Ben Saracco, Rowan University

Ben presented on what contributes to Camden's pollution issue and how the New NJ State Environmental Justice Cumulative Impact Bill S232 is addressing this issue. He also gave pointers on how others can act in their community.

Looking at Advocacy Nationally: Marisa Jones, Safe Routes Partnership

Marisa gave examples and tips on how community-based organizations can lead and support transit specific issues. She gave examples from all over the country on how people shift decision making processes, break bureaucratic barrier and how people can work authentically with government.

7:25 Q&A Caucus led by Shoshana

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