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Annual Planning Retreat June 27-28, 2020

UPDATE - we will be participating remotely by Zoom only

Dear Resilient Cities Leaders and Partners.

Thanks so much for planning to join us for us for our Resilient Cities Dialogue tomorrow Sat June 27 10 am to 12:30pm.

For those of you who had planned to join us in person at Charlson Meadows we wanted to let you know that we are switching to have our conversation by zoom only.

Our sad news - We just received a call from Charlson Meadows staff letting us know that they won't be able to host us this weekend because their main well pump is broken and they have no water service. Their well pump was recently struck by lightning and will need to be replaced!

Our good news! We will be hosting our conversation as we had planned by zoom!

Context - Given the fundamental changes in our world because of COVID 19 and calls for racial equity, we are looking at what the new world will look like and the role we and the Alliance for Sustainability can play in our emerging healthy, equitable, and resilient future. The Alliance invites you to join our city and equity leader dialogues and retreat to share your insights for our next steps, including the development of the **Resilient Cities and Communities Coalition (RC3)** with leaders from 50 collaborating Minnesota Cities, www.afors.org/resilientcities.

Invitation - We welcome you to join us to re-envision, co-create and partner in whatever capacity you are able with this Alliance. We welcome your thoughts, suggestions and connections during and after our conversation, as we seek to co-create a resilient future that is *economically viable, ecologically sound, socially just and humane*. We are so much looking forward to our conversation Saturday!

Sustainably, Sean

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**Resilient Cities – Dialogue for Action
Conversation with City Leaders and Partners
Saturday June 27 - Sunday June 28**

Saturday Morning, June 27 – Dialogue for Action with City Leaders and Partners

Schedule: 10:00 am to 12:30 pm

Online Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3920767143>

Call in number: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) Meeting ID: 392 076 7143

Agenda & Resources www.afors.org/resilientcities

Participants: City elected officials, staff and commission members, equity coalition leaders, agencies and nonprofits working with cities, RC3 volunteer team leaders, consultants and partners.

Focus: Listening/feedback from city leaders and brainstorming ways we can support cities to accelerate and achieve their equity, energy, resilience and economic recovery goals.

Audience: 15-25 online and in-person: City Commission, staff and elected leaders; Technical Assistance Partners (MN Green Step Cities, Met Council, CEE); Organizing Partners, State Policy Partners; Alliance Board members and Interns

Resource Documents - Dialogue for Action with City Leaders and Partners

- [Summary of High Impact Actions for Low Carbon Cities](#)
- [City Leader Survey Results on Priority High Impact Actions](#) June 2019, Jan, Feb and June 2020
- [Proposed RC3 Mission, Vision, Goals and Resilience Definition](#) & 100 Resilient Cities
- [Gov. Walz releases federal coronavirus funding to MN Cities](#) MPR News June 25
- [Examples & benefits of multi-city cohorts](#)
- [Current ecosystem of groups working with cities in MN](#)
- [Ways interested cities could work together to launch a Resilient Cities Coalition](#)
- [RC3 Overview](#) [Best Practices \(8\) for Generative Social Impact Networks](#)
- [Race/Equity Resources for MN Cities During COVID 19](#)

Agenda - Dialogue for Action with City Leaders and Partners

10:00 am (15 min) Opening Welcome - context, agenda review, brief introductions:

10:15 am (20 min) Deeper Introductions with city leaders (breakouts 3 to 4 people)

Select a recorder and a reporter. [City Leaders Dialogue Small Group Notes Doc.](#)

What is emerging now given the 3 pandemics?

Questions: What's changed for you? How has it affected you? Your family? Your city?

How is this impacting you and your work related to 3 pandemics?

What is your BIG DREAM for what our cities can achieve together in the next 10 years?

Reporting back: Bring back a few key points we all need to be aware of.

10:35 am (25 min) Plenary. Summary of Dialogue Themes Small Group Report Outs

11:00 (15 min) Presentations: Review current needs/hopes/barriers of participating cities and ways to accelerate resilience implementation with equity

Our new Context climate, covid and equity (12 min)

- **Current progress on reducing GHG w cities**, adaptation costs, Kristin Mroz (2 min)
- **MN and Metro Racial Disparities** - Jennifer Munt (2 min)
- **Big Tent of Resilience** - Resilience Definition/ 100 Resilient Cities - Brian Zakem (2 min)
- **League of MN Cities current/ future resources** on racial equity Rachel Walker, LMC staff

Mini Discussion

Ways that resilience can unify our work on mitigation, adaptation and equity

- **11:15 am (10 min) Discussion on advancing our priority high impact actions for low carbon cities** – given our new context. (3 x 4 = 6 min)

[Summary of High Impact Actions for Low Carbon Cities](#)

[City Leader Survey Results on Priority High Impact Actions](#) June 2019, Jan, Feb and June 2020

Context: The [U.N. Science Panel](#) is asking cities, states & nations to cut Carbon in half by 2030 & 100% by 2050. Many low carbon action have co-benefits for saving cities, residents and businesses money while advancing racial equity. Metro cities are now connecting racial equity into their climate action.

Presentations:

- Priority Low Carbon/resilient [Transportation Policies & Projects](#) (Jennifer Munt) (2 min)
 - Ways the Minnetonka community is connecting climate and equity
- Priority Low Carbon/resilient [Buildings Policies & Projects](#) (Tim Sandry) (2 min)
 - Ways the City of Bloomington is connecting climate and equity
- Priority Low Carbon/resilient [Energy Supply Policies & Projects](#) (Kim Havey) (2 min)
 - Ways the City of Minneapolis is connecting climate and equity

Mini Discussion (4 min) focus on advancing low carbon solutions & equity connections:

11:25 am (10 min) [Examples & benefits of multi-city cohorts](#) (Working together) to accelerate implementation - quick look and go over at PPT slides - **while standing up and stretching...**

- [Greenest Region Collaborative](#) (Chicago) (Edith Makra) (2 min)
- [Current MN multi city topic cohorts and impacts](#) - Cities Charging Ahead, Building Benchmarking Collaboration. CERTS (Peter Lindstrom) (2 min)
- **National Study on [Regional Climate Collaboratives](#)** (Edith Makra) (2 min)
- **RC3 Exploring [county based implementation cohorts of cities](#)** (Sean Gosiewski) (2)
- [Best Practices \(8\) for Generative Social Impact Networks](#)
- **League of MN Cities [Race Equity Resources](#)** (Rachel Walker, LMC) (2 min)

Mini Dialogue (5 min) Write responses in Chat Box and one person reads it out loud

11:40 pm (10 min) STRETCH BREAK - Keep Zoom Open

11:50 am (25 min) Small Group Conversations (related to the 4 goal areas we developed last year)

What are ways/ how can our cities can maintain/deepen our momentum/progress to:

- **Implement our high impact resilience actions** (mitigation and adaptation) while also addressing additional resilience challenges
 - **COVID 19/Public Health/Economic Recovery**
 - **Transforming systems/structures that maintain racial inequalities.**

Four Small Group Conversations

1. **Innovating solutions** - Supporting Individual Cities to innovate and create successful models - i.e. coaching and consulting, developing model ordinances, pilot projects (Phil Muessig, Tim Sandry) [Innovating Solutions Notes Doc](#)
2. **Collaborating for impact** - Sharing models that work between cities - clearinghouse/ e-news, 1 on 1 calls, county cohorts and topic cohorts (Kristin Mroz, Sean G.) [Collaborating for Impact Notes Doc](#)
3. **Community Engagement/ building local support/political will** - supporting cities to partner with residents, businesses and institutions (Jennifer Munt, Chuck Prentice) [Community Engagement Notes Doc.](#)
4. **Shaping Public Policy** - advocating together for MN/U.S. policies needed to accelerate local resilience. (Russ Adams, Kim Havey) [Shaping Public Policy Notes Doc](#)

Small Group Dialogues questions - (type into the chat box and record into your google doc)

Questions:

How is this currently happening? What are current available resources to build upon and share? (See some sample ideas in your google doc)
What new resources are needed?
Ways that racial equity is or is not currently being included in these resources.
What are ways more cities could be engaged?
Who are people and/or organizations currently working with MN Cities who we can ask to help with our new ideas?

Pick a reporter and each person has 2 minutes to highlight.

12:15 pm (15 min) Plenary - Report outs (view Google doc notes) and dialogue/ Wrap up/ Conclusion/ Next [Steps City Leader Dialogue Closing Reflection Notes](#)

PROPOSE two dates to meet again to reflect on how interested cities can organize the coalition

Questions to reflect on before our next meeting. Contribute your ideas to our google doc

[Ways interested cities could work together to launch a Resilient Cities Coalition](#)

- **Purpose, Value Propositions and Membership** *Coordination/Facilitation/Communication*
- **Governance** *(Steering Committee, County, Topic and Policy Teams)*
- **Resources** *(core staffing, in-kind staffing, city member dues, grants, individuals)*

12:25 pm Closing - Share in the chat box, one appreciation and/or future hope.