

CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minutes of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Commission Meeting

July 11, 2023

3:00 PM

Council Conference Room

Ellensburg, WA 98926

And remotely via Zoom

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call Present: Nancy Goodloe, Tylene Carnell, Kandee Cleary, Alex Mandujano, Teresa Divine, Mayra Colazo, Amber Hoefer, and Olene Togiallua.

Also present: Nicole Klauss, Public Information Officer (Recording Secretary); Ramona Bryant (League of Women Voters); Lucinda Carnell, CWU liaison; and two members of the public (1 virtual and 1 in person).

2. Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Cleary moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Carnell seconded the motion. **Motion approved 6-0. (Commissioner Hoefer had not yet arrived)**

3. Approval of Minutes from June 13, 2023 Meeting

Commissioner Carnell moved to approve the June 13, 2023 meeting minutes. Commissioner Cleary seconded the motion. **Motion approved 7-0.**

4. Previous Meeting Motions And To-Do List Review

- Nicole needs to set up time for two commissioners to go to another commission meeting. **LTAC meeting set for August, Klauss to set one up for September.**
- DEI Commission will continue conversation about what is a safe community on agendas. **This will be added to retreat agenda.**

5. Liaison Reports

Dr. Lucinda Carnell made an introduction as the CWU liaison.

6. Subcommittee Reports

Commissioner Carnell said the subcommittee has met to discuss providing addresses during public comment. They will bring a recommendation to the August meeting.

Commissioner Colazo asked if the listening tour documents were finalized. Klauss will send the final version and reporting document to Colazo, Mandujano, and Togiallua.

Klauss will work with Colazo to get a budget for refreshments approved for the next listening tour session.

7. Commission Member Reports

Commissioner Carnell reported on the Safe Spaces Train The Trainer program. Approximately 25-27 trainers are now trained and are committing to provide safe space trainings to businesses or organizations in the community.

Commissioner Colazo attended the Unity Park meeting. The committee is discussing final details, where to put a land acknowledgment, and murals. Construction is pushed to October. Commissioner Cleary suggested getting someone from the Native American community involved in discussions about the land acknowledgment artwork.

Commissioner Colazo said CWDR is celebrating the anniversary of the ADA signed into law on July 26. CWDR is doing a walk downtown.

Commissioner Carnell reported a group at CWU is working with Helen House on TransRural Lives project, a digital storytelling project that documents and celebrates the lives of transgender older adults (ages 50+) living in or with strong ties to rural areas in Washington state. They are trying to line up Gallery One or another public venue for a place to share those stories.

Commissioner Divine reported the Ellensburg Bail Fund bailed someone out and bail is expensive. They are planning a fundraiser in October and will have a tour of the jail soon.

Commissioner Mandujano met with members of KCHN for their Care Coordination Program because they are interested in connecting with the Latino community and engaging with other groups.

8. New Business

A. 2023 Proclamations/Recognition Days

The Commission reviewed the draft Proclamation/Recognition Days list.

Commissioner Divine moved to change Hispanic Heritage Month to Latin Heritage Month and remove Columbus Day from the list. Commissioner Togiailua seconded the motion. There was discussion around what Hispanic Heritage Month is about and who it is celebrating. Commissioner Mandujano said this is a chance to correct the story.

Motion failed 4-3.

Commissioner Cleary moved to remove Columbus Day from the list and only have Indigenous People's Day on the second Monday in October (Oct. 9, 2023).

Commissioner Colazo seconded the motion. **Motion approved 7-0.**

Klauss will send the Hispanic Heritage Month proclamation to Commissioners Mandujano, Colazo, and Hoefer to work on updating. A new version of the proclamation will be on the agenda at the August meeting for review and discussion.

The Commission agreed to remove Cinco De Mayo from the list because it is the same day as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Day.

B. Retreat Discussion

The Commission discussed topics they want to see at the August 11 retreat including:

- Getting to know each other icebreaker for relationship building.
- Debrief: Review accomplishments from the past year.
- Revisit the goal list established at the last retreat and move items around.
- Robert's Rules – do they have to use it? Is there something more inclusive that could be used? Their comments were that it discourages discussion and can silence people or make them less engaged.
- Discussion: What does a safe community mean? Are there action steps the commission can take to work toward that?
- Discuss plan to engage with other local resources.

Chair Goodloe said the facilitator will be City Manager, Heidi Behrends Cerniwey. The retreat is set for 8 a.m. to noon Friday, August 11. There will be a Zoom option.

9. Staff Report

Klauss reported on the vacancy, commissioners going to the LTAC meeting, and the grant deadline.

10. Public Comment

Chair Goodloe called for public comment. Pat Kelleher provided public comment. Courtney from the Equity Center provided public comment.

11. Preview Next Meeting August 8, 2023

- Discussion about Hispanic Heritage Month proclamation, review new version from Alex, Mayra and Amber
- Finalize the list of Proclamations/Recognition Days to send to Council
- Partnership opportunity with the Dispute Resolution Center
- Review recommendation on providing both name and address during public comment at Council meeting
- Review and approve recommendations from grant subcommittee

Meeting adjourned.

Nicole Klauss

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