

CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minutes of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Commission Meeting

May 14 2024

3:00 PM

Council Conference Room & Zoom

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

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

Absent: Phil Backlund

Also present: Nicole Klauss, Public Information Officer (Recording Secretary); Rhonda Schmidt, ESD liaison; Lucinda Carnell, CWU liaison; Teresa Chanes, EDA liaison; Aaron Reiman, City Prosecutor/Assistant City Attorney; Jeremy Johnston, Planning Manager; Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager; Kelle Vandenberg, Arts & Economic Development Manager; Ramona Bryant, League of Women Voters; 1 applicant to the commission; and 2 members of the public (one online and one in person).

2. Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Divine moved to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner Cleary seconded the motion. There was no discussion. **Motion approved 6-0.**

3. Approval of Minutes from April 9, 2024, Meeting

Commissioner Carnell moved to approve the minutes from the April 9, 2024, DEI Commission Meeting. Commissioner Cleary seconded the motion. There was no discussion. **Motion approved 6-0.**

4. New Business

A. City Prosecutor/Assistant City Attorney Aaron Reiman presented on Robert's Rules of Order.

B. Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Jeremy Johnston went over suggested edits the commission provided to Chapter 9 of the comprehensive plan. There will be a formal public participation plan later this year; this is just a starting point.

C. Award 2024 Grants

The Commission reviewed the grant subcommittee's recommendation for funding of 2024 grant projects. Commissioner Cleary made the motion to approve the subcommittee's grant recommendations and forwarded them to the Ellensburg City Council for approval at the June 3 meeting. Commissioner Divine seconded the motion. **Motion approved 6-0.**

Carnell said there were challenging decisions to make with only \$6,000. Colazo said that shows the need in the community when considering the next budget. Goodloe said a few applications would be good for the City's community grant program and staff will pass on that feedback.

D. Approve Spending for Juneteenth Celebration

Goodloe said planning of the Juneteenth celebration is going well and the museum is working on an exhibit about Black History leaders and events. The commission was asked to provide 500 hand flags with the Juneteenth logo and \$200 for the musician to play. Goodloe made the motion to approve spending up to \$500 on flags and the musician for the Juneteenth event. Commissioner Cleary seconded the motion. **Motion approved 6-0.**

EDA liaison Teresa Chanes said Black Grenade Entertainment will be doing live music at The Red Pickle with the night market right there. They are trying to spread the word about the event. The CWU Library is doing a webpage that is interactive as well. Marketing for the Juneteenth celebration will go out this week.

E. World Café Recap

Klauss provided a recap on the World Café attendance and expenses. Attendance was around 25 people and most were facilitators or volunteers. Expenses were around \$800 from the City and CWU contributed refreshments and the location.

Cleary suggested looking at late fall and mid-winter for the next one. Goodloe said the World Café committee will meet to discuss the next event.

F. Miscellaneous Comments (Goodloe added this in the moment)

Goodloe thanked Commissioner Colazo for serving on the commission as this was her last meeting and she is not reapplying. There will be another spread of advertising to solicit applicants for the position.

Applicant William Coleman made an introduction to the commission.

5. Previous Meeting Motions and 90-Day To-Do List Review:

- Lucinda Carnell said there is a resources guide in the Wildcat Pantry that was emailed to Goodloe. It connects students with off-campus resources.
- Kelle Vandenberg provided an update on the call for artists for Unity Park.
- Klauss will set a meeting with other commissions regarding the Unity Park celebration.
- Goodloe will follow up with Dispute Resolution Center.
- Divine will reach out to the new market manager and the EDA night market manager.

6. Liaison Reports

Lucinda Carnell reported:

It's been a year of change at CWU as they try to aspire to the vision and mission but were faced with challenges of realities. President recently put out a letter to campus that mentions creating an action agenda and listening to stories of bias. Carnell was interim Vice President of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion this year but will go back to being faculty and a new interim will start in June.

Rhonda Schmidt: The Ellensburg School District is wrapping up the year and working on initiatives and staff training for next year. They are working on making sure their processes meet the needs of students in the community.

Teresa Chanes reported: She is now the liaison for the EDA.

7. Subcommittee Reports

Goodloe said the grant subcommittee met. Goodloe said the interview committee met and is recommending Carnell be reappointed for a second term. It will go to the City Council for approval.

8. Commission Member Reports

Commissioner Carnell reported:

- The high school pizza klatch program sees 30 kids showing up. They had a conversation about how they want to wrap up at high school and planning end of year celebration.
- On May 18, the youth summer kickoff is happening at Morgan Middle School from 11-3 with approximately 21 organizations.
- Trout Unlimited is hosting a women in fly fishing from 1-5 p.m. June 16 at IRRP.

Commissioner Colazo reported:

- There is no update on CWDR finding a new location. Staff is switching to hybrid in September and trying to figure out a place.
- The Department of Health had a retreat and Colazo was the only representative from Central Washington. Colazo voiced concerns about lack of specialists and the struggle with getting to the West Side to visit specialists. The Department is adding this to their priorities for next year.

9. Staff Report

Klauss reported:

- Amy McGuffin at the Chamber reached out encouraging the City to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15-October 15, at Unity Park.
- Thanked Colazo for serving.
- The DEI Commission Retreat is set for Friday, August 2 from 8-2 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

10. Public Comment

Landis Hanson provided public comment.

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- City Mayor proclamation discussion
- Councilmember Nancy Lillquist to brainstorm ideas for encouraging a more diverse community to bicycle in Ellensburg
- Juneteenth updates

Meeting adjourned.

Nicole Klauss

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