

CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minutes of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Commission Meeting

August 13, 2024

3:00 PM

City Council Chambers & 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, Phil Backlund, Tylene Carnell, Kandee Cleary, Teresa Divine, and Alex Mandujano, and Serena Turney.

Also present: Nicole Klauss, DEI Commission staff member; EDA Director Teresa Chanes; Katie Holm, EDA Director of Community Engagement; and Retreat Facilitator Sigrid Davison.

Commissioner Kandee Cleary moved to approve an excused absence for Commissioner Amber Hoefer and Commissioner M. Eliatamby-O'Brien. Commissioner Teresa Divine seconded the motion. There was no discussion.

Motion approved 6-0.

New Commission Member Serena Turney was introduced.

2. Approval of the Agenda

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

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

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

4. New Business

A. Klauss introduced the retreat facilitator, Sigrid Davison. The commission discussed what it means to have a discussion about identities working together. The commission indicated an interest in tools to identify systems of harm and learn about systems of whiteness. Davison said there is an Okun article about systems of whiteness and Commissioner Backlund asked for it to be shared.

Commissioner Carnell said there is a limited connection with Council and asked how they can relay things to Council with a level of depth.

There was a general agreement to do homework ahead of the retreat. Commission members agreed for up to two hours of homework.

B. Klauss provided an update on the commission's 2024 spending plan.

Commissioner Divine reported that she and Commissioner Cleary connected with the Farmers Market manager and they will plan to have the Multicultural Day at the Market at the beginning of the market season next May. If you have ideas on vendors to invite, send them to Teresa. The budget won't be spent this year, so next year's budget should include funds to support the day to cover it. BIPOC business days is not going to happen this year either.

Motion: Commissioner Cleary motioned to move the money from BIPOC Business Days and the Multicultural Day At The Market to the Unity Park Opening. Commissioner Mandujano seconded the motion. In discussion, Commissioner Carnell brought up the idea of allocating some of the funds to the Pizza Klatch program at the high school for the fall. Pizza Klatch is a supportive program for LGBTQ+ youth and allies to connect at school. **The motion failed with two in favor, three opposed, and one abstention.**

Motion: Commissioner Cleary motioned to reallocate the money from BIPOC Business Days and the Multicultural Day At The Market to the Unity Park Opening in the amount of \$450 and to the Pizza Klatch program in the amount of \$600. Commissioner Mandujano seconded the motion. There was no discussion. **The motion passed with five in favor and one abstention.**

Goodloe said there will be a committee to develop next year's spending plan and people can join if interested.

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

Chair Goodloe reported:

- She had a conversation with Dispute Resolution about the coalition partnership, but Dispute Resolution does not have capacity to do it at this point. **Removed from to-do list.**
- CWU city collaboration – Lucinda shared the resource manual with organizations on campus and that was her thought about doing that. We can consider that one done. **Removed from to-do list.**
- The next World Café conversation needs to happen soon. Rhonda will be involved since it will be held at ESD.
- The Unity Park celebration is underway, and the commission is supporting that financially.

6. Liaison Reports

Teresa Chanes is sharing the EDA liaison role with Katie Holm. The EDA is working on a Halloween event and needs help and feedback on getting the Hispanic community involved. They are working with the CWU DEC and Mal Stewman for resources to help the event be more inclusive. Commissioner Turney suggested reaching out to APOYO and Nuestros Unidos. CWU faculty Natalia Casales has students learning to be

translators that could possibly help. Commissioner Mandujano is willing to assist with translation.

7. Subcommittee Reports

Commissioner Backlund provided an update on the Listening Tour Committee. They will focus on the short-term through the fall and will do three listening sessions with: the Catholic Church, Helen House, and a group at CWU (the committee is working with Mal Stewman to identify a group). They will talk more about data analysis once they have additional data. Commissioner Turney indicated an interest in joining the Listening Tour Committee.

Commissioner Mandujano mentioned going to churches or to the soccer fields to reach the Spanish-speaking community. Commissioner Turney said there is a Special Olympics group in town that would be interested in a get together. Klauss suggested bringing these ideas to the retreat discussion about how we communicate.

8. Commission Member Reports

Commissioner Divine reported the Ellensburg Bail Fund will be having an auction/dance party fundraiser October 12 at Gallery One.

9. Staff Report

Klauss mentioned the agenda packet included correspondence from Troutwater Unlimited regarding the use of their 2024 grant. Goodloe suggested adding this to a report that Council sees.

10. Public Comment

Chair Goodloe asked if there was anyone online for public comment. There was none.

Next Meeting September 10, 2024

Meeting adjourned.

Nicole Klauss

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