

CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minutes of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Commission Meeting

March 11, 2025

3:00 PM

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: Phil Backlund, Tylenne Carnell, Kandee Cleary, Teresa Divine, Nancy Goodloe, Amber Hoefer, M. Eliatamby-O'Brien, Alex Mandujano, and Serena Turney.

Also present: Nicole Klauss, DEI Commission staff member; Katie Holm, Ellensburg Downtown Association liaison; and 13 members of the public (10 in person and 3 via Zoom).

2. Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Backlund moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Cleary seconded the motion. There was no discussion. **Motion approved 6-0. (Eliatamby-O'Brien and Turney had not yet arrived)**

3. Approval of Minutes from February 11, 2025 Commission Meeting

Commissioner Backlund moved to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2025 DEI Commission Meeting. Commissioner Carnell seconded the motion. There was no discussion. **Motion approved 6-0. (Eliatamby-O'Brien and Turney had not yet arrived)**

4. New Business

A. Discuss Multicultural Day At The Market

Staff provided a report on Multicultural Day at the Market, noting the date is Saturday, May 3, 2025 (agenda packet had incorrectly noted May 4). Commissioner Divine reported vendor fees go to the market, vendors are required to provide their own insurance, and the goal is to get different vendors than usual.

Commissioner Cleary moved to approve \$250 for Multicultural Day at the Market vendor fees. Commissioner Mandujano seconded the motion.

Chair Goodloe allowed public comments/questions:

- Colleen Bol asked clarifying questions about the \$250.
- Lyle Smith asked clarifying questions about what makes Multicultural Day at the Market different from other market days.

Due to time concerns, additional public comment was not accepted. **Motion approved 8-0.**

B. Select representative to Ellensburg Arts & Cultural Alliance (EACA)
Staff said the next EACA meeting is March 14, 2025 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Ellensburg Downtown Association Office. M. Eliatamby-O'Brien gave a brief summary of what EACA does in community.

Goodloe nominated M. Eliatamby-O'Brien to attend the Ellensburg Arts & Cultural Alliance meetings. Commissioner Cleary seconded the motion. During discussion, Eliatamby-O'Brien noted they would miss the first meeting but would follow up with other EACA members. **Motion approved 8-0.**

5. Previous Meeting Motions & To-Do List Review

There were no updates.

6. Liaison Reports

Ellensburg Downtown Association liaison Katie Holm reported:

- Main Street America is coming in March to help the EDA hone their work plans for the year to come
- Downtown Spring Cleanup is April 12, sign up on EDA website to help
- Community kiosk coming to downtown with information about EDA events and community partner flyers
- Downtown business grants coming soon

7. Subcommittee Reports

7A. Listening Tour Subcommittee notes from the session with the community group from Nepal were included in the agenda packet.

Commissioner Backlund noted the Listening Tour Subcommittee also met with MECHA on CWU's campus. Commissioner Mandujano noted the subcommittee is working to schedule one listening tour a month through the year and is setting one up for April. The subcommittee is working to wrap up recap of last year's sessions.

7B. Discussion On Our Commitment To Community Subcommittee

Commissioner Hoefer reported the subcommittee has not yet met, but wants to meet in upcoming weeks.

8. Commission Member Reports

Commissioner Carnell reported the Youth Summer Kickoff event is being planned for the second year. The event helps show what community organizations offer to youth during summer months.

Commissioner M. Eliatamby-O'Brien reported Gallery One is hosting a screening of short films on March 14.

Commissioner Backlund reported he is doing a podcast about the Ellensburg community, interviewing people, and asking them what inspires them, what challenges Ellensburg faces, and how they know it's getting better. The podcast is called Johnny & Phil Voices From the Village on Apple podcasts. This is a personal project, not related to the DEI Commission business.

Commissioner Hoefer reported the State legislative session is about a month and a half away from being over, debates are available to watch on TVW.org, and suggested following Attorney General press releases.

Chair Goodloe reported the Council is not reading proclamations at the current time per the Mayor's recommendation, but they are included in agenda packets. Goodloe commented on the flag policy discussion that was held at the previous City Council meeting regarding celebratory flags.

9. Staff Report

Staff reported:

- Ellensburg Academy is March 12 at 6:00 p.m. at Hal Holmes, open to all.
- Ellensburg Arts Commission is holding a haiku contest on the theme of serenity, following the 5/7/5 haiku format. Contest is open to all Kittitas County residents, deadline is 3/25/25 at 5 p.m. Submissions to ellensburgarts@ellensburgwa.gov
- Bike Month is in May. If you have spare bicycles or bicycle parts to donate, take to IOOF at 1900 Brick Road. Bike month activities May 31, more info to come.
- EPD holding a car seat clinic from 10-2 on March 29.

10. Public Comments

Chair Goodloe called for public comment.

- Adrea Donogh provided public comment on the Ellensburg Farmers Market and vendors.
- Theresa Plue provided public comment on multiculturalism.
- Councilmember Sarah Beauchamp provided public comment on the flag ordinance discussion from the previous City Council meeting.

Virtual comments were invited; none were made.

Next Meeting April 8, 2025

Topics: Next 90-day goal review.

Meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Nicole Klauss

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