

AGENDA DIVERSITY EQUITY & INCLUSION COMMISSION March 10, 2026

Hybrid Meeting In-person and via Zoom



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**CITY OF ELLENSBURG
DIVERSITY EQUITY & INCLUSION COMMISSION AGENDA
Council Chambers
501 North Anderson Street
Ellensburg, WA 98926
And remotely via Zoom
Tuesday, March 10, 2026
3:00 PM - Regular Meeting**

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members**
 - 1.A DEI Commission Meeting Grounding
- 2. Approval of Agenda (No Public Comment)**
- 3. Public Comment PUBLIC COMMENT RULES FOR ALL MEETING PARTICIPANTS**

1. Each speaker's comments are to be limited to 3 MINUTES and must state their name and city of residence. 2. Speakers are cautioned not to engage in conduct that disrupts, disturbs or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of the DEI Commission meeting. 3. Comments must be related to the commission's business or over which the Commission has control. 4. Speakers may not identify themselves as candidates for elective public office or make any statements which assist or discuss the campaign of a candidate for elective office or discuss or campaign for or against a ballot proposition.
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
 - 4.A Approval of Minutes from February 3, 2026
- 5. New Business**
 - 5.A Kittitas County America 250 Celebration (Kelle Vandenberg to present)
 - 5.B Racially Disparate Impacts Housing Element of Comprehensive Plan (Public Comment Opportunity)
 - 5.C Community Vulnerability Climate Element of Comprehensive Plan Update (Public Comment Opportunity)
 - 5.D Meeting Time Change For July 14 Meeting
 - 5.E Review Staff Recommendations on Ch. 1.88 Updates (Discussion)
- 6. Liaison Reports** Dr. Elvin Delgado and Ruben Cardenas - CWU; and Rhonda Schmidt - Ellensburg School District
- 7. Subcommittee Reports**
- 8. Commission Member Reports**
- 9. Staff Report**

9.A Staff Report

10. **Adjournment** Next meeting is April 14, 2026 • Introduction to 2026 Work Plan (Discussion)



For more information on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission, contact Public Information Officer Nicole Klauss at 509-925-8657.

DEI Commission Meeting Grounding: What We Mean by DEI

Diversity: We recognize and celebrate the wide range of backgrounds, experiences, identities, and perspectives that make our city unique.

- For example: Unity Park's grand opening included a variety of performances that reflected the cultural richness of our community.

Equity: We understand that not everyone starts from the same place, and acknowledge the unique needs of different groups and residents. We strive to identify and help remove barriers that prevent people from having full and complete access to opportunities and resources, so everyone has the ability and self-determination to thrive.

- For example: DEI grants have supported small, local businesses and events that center underrepresented voices.

Inclusion: We strive to create spaces where people from all walks of life feel welcomed, safe, respected, and invited to be an active part of the community.

- For example: Conversations with Parks & Rec have led to more inclusive restroom options for different families and visitors.

Accessibility: Everyone deserves the opportunity to take part in community life, so we work to address and remove barriers (ex. physical, language, social, and communicative) so everyone can fully take part in community life.

- For example: We've encouraged the city to use interpretation services and listening devices in meetings so more people can engage.

Belonging: We all want to feel like we're part of where we live and make our home—seen, valued, respected—and that our contributions are welcome. Belonging is at the heart of a healthy community.

- For example: We've supported heritage month proclamations, Juneteenth celebrations, and partnerships that build bridges between groups.

Minutes of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Commission Meeting

February 3, 2026

3:00 PM

Council Chambers & Zoom

CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Nancy Goodloe called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. and welcomed the new commission members.

Roll Call Present: Phil Backlund, Kande Cleary, Amber Darting, Nancy Goodloe, Judd Ike Grey, Amber Hofer, Cody Natland, and M. Eliatamby-O'Brien.

Also present: Nicole Klauss, staff member assigned to the DEI Commission; Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager; Ruben Cardenas, CWU Associate Vice President liaison; Mayor Rich Elliott; and 3 members of the public (2 in person and 1 online).

2. Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Kande Cleary moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Phil Backlund seconded the motion. There was no discussion. **Motion approved 7-0.**

3. Approval of Commission Minutes from January 13, 2026 Meeting

Commissioner Phil Backlund moved to approve the meeting minutes from the January 13, 2026 DEI Commission meeting. Commissioner Kande Cleary seconded the motion. There was no discussion. **Motion approved 7-0.**

4. New Business

A. The Commission reviewed the notes from the dot exercise that took place at the January 20 City Council meeting. Commission members recapped what was discussed at the study session and called out some areas that will need further discussion such as leveraging groups the commission partners with and formalizing the process, reaching out to a broader audience, being intermediaries rather than event planners, addressing who is not in the room or at the table, expanding the scope of the listening tours and making updates to the listening tour policy. The Mayor participated in the discussion.

The Commission discussed formal versus informal feedback to and from Council. One way to get informal feedback is to work through staff to get a note on a Council agenda in the City Manager's report. That would provide transparency and also a method for getting informal feedback.

The Commission discussed how to get the information from the study session into a work plan. Chair Goodloe said she will work with the executive committee to provide advice on next steps and bring a work plan to a future meeting.

The Commission asked about Chapter 1.88. The City Manager said the plan is to bring recommended changes to Chapter 1.88 to the City Council at the second February meeting and then provide a briefing to the DEI Commission at the March meeting.

5. Liaison Reports

CWU liaison Ruben Cardenas reported:

- Jennifer King will be doing a presentation at CWU on Feb. 5 in the SURC Ballroom. King was the first black female coach in NFL history. The presentation is free and open to all.

6. Subcommittee Reports

The interview committee's recommendations were accepted by the City Council on Feb. 2.

7. Commission Member Reports

Commissioner Backlund received a briefing from Community Development staff regarding housing affordability. Community Development staff will be invited to the March meeting to provide some background.

8. Staff Report

Staff Reported:

- Staff will reach out to new members to schedule onboarding, get emails set up, and provide mentor matches.
- Registration for the Ellensburg Academy is open. Limited seats, please register and plan to attend both dates – March 11 & 18. Please share with your networks.
- City facilities are closed on Monday, February 16, 2026 for Presidents' Day. The City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

9. Public Comments

Chair Goodloe called for public comment.

- Theresa Plue provided public comment.

10. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Nicole Klaus, staff member assigned to the DEI Commission

Drafted: 1/14/26

Approved:

Racially Disparate Impacts (Housing Element)

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Commission

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Growth Management Act, Housing Element

In 2021, HB 1220 amended the Growth Management Act (GMA) to establish new Housing Element requirements. Recognizing history's role in creating racially disparate impacts, patterns of exclusion and leaving certain communities particularly vulnerable to displacement, local governments must now plan to:

- Identify policies and regulations that result in racially disparate impacts, exclusion and displacement including:
 - Zoning that may have a discriminatory effect;
 - Disinvestment; and
 - Infrastructure availability
- Implement policies and regulations that begin to undo racially disparate impacts, exclusion and displacement.
- Identify areas that may be at higher risk of displacement and establish anti-displacement policies.

What Do We Mean by Displacement, Exclusion and Racially Disparate Impacts?

Displacement: The process by which a household is forced to move from its community because of conditions beyond their control.

- **Physical displacement:** Happens because of eviction, foreclosure, natural disaster or deterioration in housing quality.
- **Economic displacement:** Happens because of rising rents or costs of home ownership like property taxes.
- **Cultural displacement:** Happens because people and institutions that make up their cultural community have left the area.

Displacement Risk: The likelihood that a household, business or organization will be displaced from its community.

Exclusion in Housing: The act or effect of shutting or keeping certain populations out of housing within a specified area, in a manner that may be intentional or unintentional, but which leads to non-inclusive impacts.

Racially Disparate Impacts: When policies, practices, rules or other systems result in a disproportionate impact on one or more racial groups

RDI Workplan



Now through June – get initial thoughts & share results

Through March – surveys, data review, interviews

March and April – housing policy-specific

April – May – based on policy evaluation (step 3)

July and beyond – part of overall plan adoption

Planned Outreach

- Historical museum
- Public survey on housing experiences with questions on discrimination
- HopeSource & FISH
- Apoyo (contacted)
- Commerce (data/ratings behind [Displacement Risk Map experience builder](#))
- Kittitas County Public Health



What is missing? What questions do you have?

- Any outreach we should add to the list?
- What barriers to participation would you anticipate? Suggestions to address?
- Any known displacement events or displacement risk concerns?
- Do you want another update after the policy review?

Community Vulnerability (Climate Element)

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Commission

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New Mandatory Element Climate Change and Resiliency



RCW 36.70A.070: Climate Change and Resiliency Element

- Resiliency Sub-element (required)
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Sub-element
(Not required for the City of Ellensburg)



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Objectives

- The climate impacts assessment describes the historical trends and future climate projections.
- Provides insight into how climate hazards are affecting the city of Ellensburg and how they will do so into the future.

Climate Hazards

- Extreme Heat
- Drought and Snowpack
- Wildfire and Smoke
- Extreme Precipitation and Flooding
- Referenced additional weather hazards
 - Winds and severe winter storms



✓ Check-In ✓

Community Vulnerability Profiles and Impacts

Community Vulnerability Profiles	Climate Impacts
Families with Low Income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher exposure (e.g., to heat) and fewer resources to stay safe during climate and weather events. • Greater risk of housing instability, food insecurity, and financial strain.
CWU Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased exposure to extreme heat in older or non-air-conditioned housing. • Greater flooding risk for off-campus rentals located near creeks or flood-prone areas.
Older Adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenges accessing safe spaces, services, or emergency support. • Elevated health risks during climate and weather events.
People with Disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenges accessing safe spaces, services, or emergency support. • Elevated health risks during climate and weather events.
Unhoused Residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constant exposure with no reliable shelter or protection. • Limited access to cooling, clean air, or emergency assistance.



Check-In: Community Vulnerability Profiles

Who is Missing? Suggested groups for focused outreach?

Families with Low Income
CWU Students
Older Adults
People with Disabilities
Unhoused Residents

Check-In: Climate Impacts

What's Missing? Suggested additions? Considerations?

- Lack of resources to stay safe during weather events
- Challenges accessing safe spaces, services, or emergency support
 - Limited access to cooling, clean air, or emergency assistance
- Increased exposure to extreme heat in older or non-air-conditioned housing
 - Greater risk of housing instability, food insecurity, and financial strain
 - Elevated health risks during climate and weather events
 - Constant exposure with no reliable shelter or protection
 - Limited access to cooling, clean air, or emergency assistance



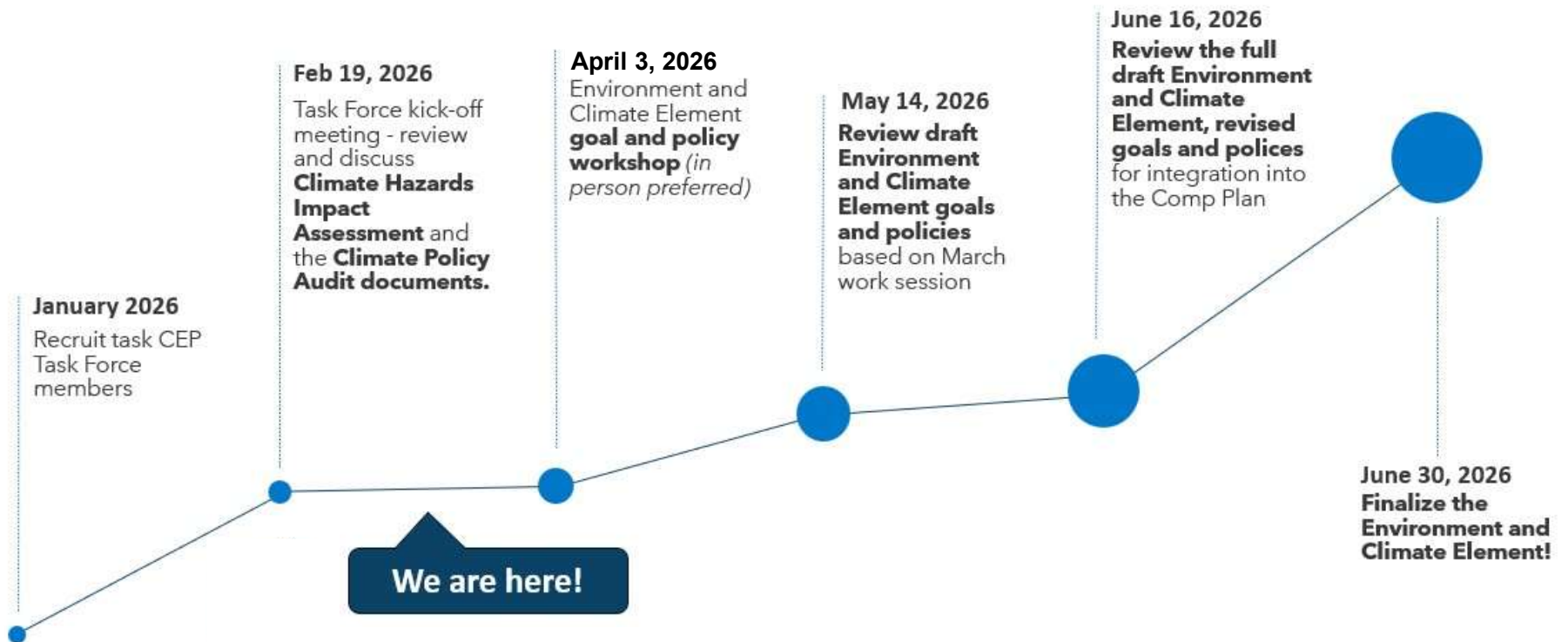
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Questions?



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Ellensburg experiences strong winds all year, primarily from the west and northwest, as a result of its geography and topography, combined with global weather patterns and differences seasonal atmospheric circulation directly east of the Cascade Range. The region is more humid than the Yakima River Canyon.

Wind: Wind conditions are generally mild (i.e., 10-15 mph). When and destructive rain and increased rain is more frequent.

Severe Wind: Severe wind storms, in winter conditions and road closures. Sometimes freezing rain, sleet, or hail is present, which can coat roads, electric infrastructure, and trees in ice, posing further hazards to safety (CWU, 2025).

Please note that this is an excerpt from the Climate Hazards and Impacts Assessment completed in November 2025. If you would like a copy of the full report, please contact Stacey Henderson and Nicole Gutierrez (hendersons@ellensburgwa.gov; nicole@cascadiaconsulting.com)

Community Vulnerability

Ellensburg’s economy is driven by Central Washington University, agriculture, and healthcare (City of Ellensburg, 2023). Hazards such as extreme heat, drought, flooding, and wildfire (and wildfire smoke) pose risks not only to individuals but to the systems the community depends on. For example, extreme heat and smoke disrupt student life and outdoor activities; drought undermines the agricultural economy and impact water supply for irrigation; and wildfire, flooding, and heat emergencies increase strain on the county’s sole hospital, Kittitas Valley Healthcare (EPA, 2025; Raymond & Rogers, 2022; City of Ellensburg, 2023). As a semi-arid community with persistent winds, Ellensburg is also especially exposed to wildfire spread and smoke, while declining snowpack and earlier melt reduce late-summer streamflow needed for drinking water, irrigation, and hydropower (Raymond & Rogers, 2022).

Public Health

Climate impacts are experienced differently across different populations and communities, based on sociodemographic factors, location of impacts resulting in different levels of exposure, and other community characteristics (Figure 12). Ellensburg has a total population of 18,666, with a poverty rate of 21%, more than double the statewide average (American Community Survey, 2023). Poverty levels are high across the region, with the City of Yakima and Kittitas County also experiencing above-average poverty rates compared to Washington overall (American Community Survey, 2023). While agriculture is a dominant land use and economic driver in Kittitas County, relatively few agricultural workers live within Ellensburg’s city limits, which shifts local vulnerability more toward students, renters, and service-sector workers (City of Ellensburg, 2023).

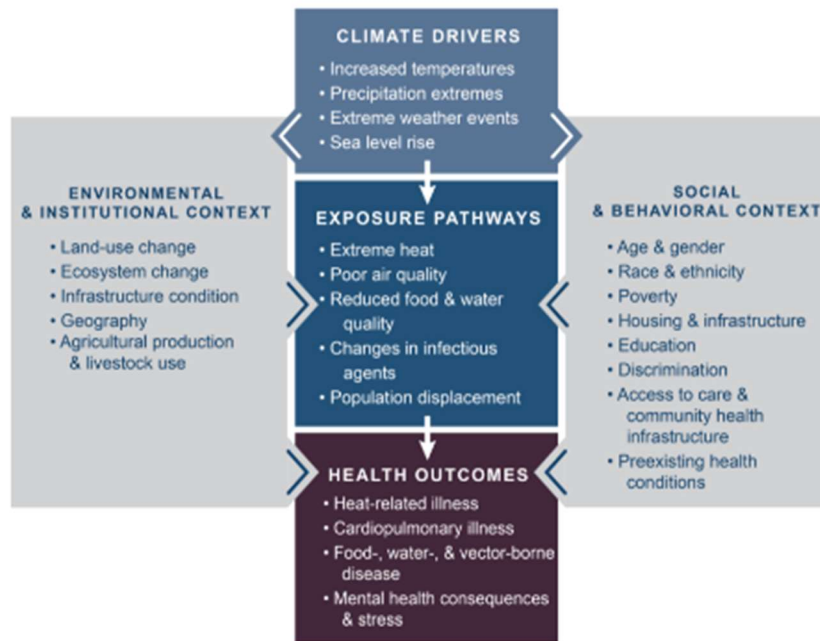


Figure 12. Determinants of health outcomes from climate change.

Source: (USGCRP, 2016).

Many students and low-income households that live in older housing stocks that lack air conditioning or insulation experience increased risk to heat and smoke exposure (Gabbe, Mallen, & Varni, 2022). Rent-burdened households face financial barriers to recovery after floods or fires and may be unable to purchase cooling, filtration, or insurance (EPA, 2025). Vulnerable populations, including older adults, people with disabilities, and unhoused residents, face the greatest risks given mobility challenges, pre-existing health conditions, and lack of reliable shelter (EPA, 2025). These and other community-wide stressors and demographic realities amplify the impacts of climate hazards. Table 7 summarizes the key demographic groups most vulnerable to climate change in Ellensburg and the risks they face.

Climate hazards stress community services such as emergency response, healthcare, and social services. Wildfire and flood events can put increased demand on fire, police, and emergency managers, and evacuation routes can be blocked by hazardous conditions (Kittitas County, 2025). Healthcare facilities may be overwhelmed by spikes in respiratory illness, heat stress, and flood-related injuries (Gkouliaveras, Kalogiannidis, & Kalfas, 2025). Social services, including HopeSource, FISH Food Bank, and APOYO, anticipate greater demand during extreme events, especially from low-income households and unhoused residents (City of Ellensburg, 2023).

Table 7: Key demographic populations in the City of Ellensburg and potential climate impacts.

Demographic	Population Estimates	Potential Climate Impacts
Low-Income Families & Rent-	21% poverty rate; among the highest rent-burdened rates in Washington (American Community Survey, 2023),	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extreme Heat: Limited ability to afford or access cooling, increasing risk of heat-related illness.

Demographic	Population Estimates	Potential Climate Impacts
Burdened Households	more than double the state rate: 10.3%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extreme Precipitation/Flooding: Greater risk of housing instability and recovery challenges. • Drought: Increased food insecurity and financial stress. • Wildfire & Smoke: Elevated health risks without access to air filtration or healthcare.
Students (Central Washington University)	Large share of population; majority of those in poverty are ages 18–24 (City of Ellensburg, 2023).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extreme Heat: Students in older, non-air-conditioned housing face higher exposure. • Wildfire & Smoke: Health impacts from prolonged smoke exposure during the academic year. • Extreme Precipitation/Flooding: Off-campus rental housing near creeks or floodplains may be vulnerable.
Older Adults (65+)	14.6% of population vs. 16.2% statewide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extreme Heat: High sensitivity to heat stress, dehydration, and related illnesses and hospitalizations. • Extreme Precipitation/Flooding: Greater risk of injury or displacement. • Wildfire & Smoke: Increased vulnerability to respiratory illness.
People with Disabilities	14.4% of population vs. 13.4% statewide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extreme Heat: Difficulty accessing or traveling to cooling centers. • Flooding: Mobility challenges during evacuation. • Wildfire & Smoke: Pre-existing health conditions may be worsened by smoke exposure.
Unhoused Residents	Exact estimate for the city not available; Kittitas County, 2024 Point-in-Time (PIT) identified over 45 individuals experience homelessness per night (City of Ellensburg, 2024).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extreme Heat & Flooding: No reliable shelter from climate hazards, high exposure risk. • Wildfire & Smoke: Prolonged exposure to unhealthy air quality.

Source: American Community Survey, 2023; City of Ellensburg, 2023; City of Ellensburg, 2024.



Meeting Date: March 10, 2026
City of Ellensburg

Diversity Equity & Inclusion Commission Agenda Report

Agenda Subject: Meeting Time Change For July 14 Meeting
Submitted by:
Department: City Manager

Suggested Motion/Action:

Discuss meeting time change for the July 14 meeting due to Chambers not being available during regular time.

Background/Summary:

City staff requested use of the Council Chambers on July 14 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for a valuable onsite training for the Wastewater Treatment Plant employees. Chair Goodloe and Vice Chair Hoefer approved letting go of the space during the DEI Commission's regular meeting time, so staff could have the training. They indicated a preference to move the July 14, 2026 meeting to a later start time of 5 p.m. rather than move to a smaller conference room, so members of the public could still comfortably attend. Please confirm commission member availability to attend a 5-6:30 p.m. meeting on July 14, 2026. If the commission will not have quorum, we will look at potentially moving the date.

Previous Council Action:

None.

Analysis:

N/A.

Financial Impact:

None.

Budget Adjustment: No

Attachments:

None

CHAPTER 1.88 ~~DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION~~ COMMUNITY ACCESS & ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION

1.88.010 Creation and purpose.

There is created ~~thea diversity, equity and inclusion~~ access and community engagement (DEI) commission consisting of nine members, one of whom shall be a city council member serving as chairperson and a nonvoting member except in the case of a tie.

The purpose of the ~~DEI community access and engagement~~ commission is to advise and assist the city council in promoting meaningful community engagement participation, equitable access to city government services, and opportunities that support multicultural understanding and a sense of belonging within activities and celebrations ~~diversity, equity and inclusion in~~ the city of Ellensburg through action, advocacy, education, and guidance. Through its advisory role, the commission will seek to support Ellensburg in celebrating-fostering a diverse, equitable, and inclusive community that welcomes and is supportive to all residents and visitors because doing so enriches each individual's life and the community's well-being and vitality.

(Ord. No. 4916, § 1, 5-15-2023; Ord. 4883 § 37, 2022; Ord. 4871 § 1, 2021)

1.88.020 Term—Composition.

- A. Members of the ~~DEI community access and engagement~~ commission shall serve without compensation for a three-year term. At least five members must reside within the city limits of the city of Ellensburg.
- B. Each replacement member of the commission will be appointed to a full three-year term.
- C. The city council shall ensure a mix of appoint commission members ~~who represent communities diverse in age, skin color, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion or disability, and~~ who represent business, nonprofit, or education sectors, and who have skills or experience in analytics, translation, marketing, technology, human resources, or law community organization. In making appointments, ~~T~~the city council will seek to attract members who bring knowledge of community needs, familiarity with barriers that may affect participation in civic life or access to services, and a demonstrated interest in promoting community engagement and access to city services ~~that are interested in promoting community engagement, access to city government services, and multicultural activities and celebrations;~~ and ~~whodiversity issues, can respect different viewpoints, have knowledge or experience working with groups experiencing barriers to community participation; are action-oriented,;~~ and have personal experience that will provide empathy and community understanding regarding issues of diversity, equity and inclusion ~~community engagement~~. Commission members should demonstrate the ability to engage with individuals with differing viewpoints, collaborate constructively, and contribute to thoughtful discussions of issues impacting community participation.

(Ord. 4883 § 38, 2022; Ord. 4871 § 1, 2021)

1.88.030 Removal—Vacancy.

Repealed by Ord. 4883.

(Ord. 4871 § 1, 2021)

1.88.040 Subcommittees.

The commission may create subcommittees that include members of the public to address certain ~~DEI~~ community engagement topics, issues affecting access to services or civic participation, or assist with specific initiatives or promote certain events. The subcommittee chair must be a member of the ~~DEI~~ community access and engagement commission, and must be appointed by a majority of the ~~DEI~~ commission membership.

(Ord. 4883 § 40, 2022; Ord. 4871 § 1, 2021)

1.88.050 Communication with city council.

The commission shall forward communications which require city council action to city council through separate memoranda, including all rationale, which shall be scheduled as council agenda items. The commission may designate a representative(s) to present recommendations or provide clarification to the council during council meetings when matters related to the commission are being considered. Memoranda requesting council authority for programs or projects that require funding must be received by June 30 of each year in order to be considered for inclusion in the biennial budget or annual budget amendment process. Commission recommendations not incorporated in the preliminary budget shall be forwarded to the city council for consideration with the preliminary budget.

(Ord. 4871 § 1, 2021)

1.88.060 Duties and responsibilities.

The powers and duties of the commission shall be as follows:

- A. Advise city council on actions, strategies, processes and/services needed to sustain and improve community engagement, improve access to city government services, and support opportunities for residents to participate in civic life multicultural events and activities diversity, equity and inclusion in the city of Ellensburg;
- ~~B.~~ B. — Examine the practices and procedures of the city of Ellensburg to identify strategies to create processes and services which recognize the needs and differences of all who live and work in, or visit, Ellensburg; identify and provide recommendations regarding barriers that may affect residents' ability to participate in community life or access city services and programs.
- ~~C.~~ — Review and recommend amendments that incorporate the values of diversity, equity and inclusion into the city of Ellensburg comprehensive plan;
- ~~DC.B.~~ Recommend for council adoption an annual community engagement commission work plan that may includeincludes, but is not limited to, the following:
 - 1. Developing activities such as forums, community gatherings, neighborhood programs, and events to promote mutual understanding and that encourage residents to connect with one another;
 - 2. Identifying partner groups or organizations to sponsor regular multicultural celebrations activities and community conversations on relevant policy issues;
 - 3. Creating Advising the city on communication plans and, strategies, and culturally appropriate outreach to distribute information to residents who may experience barriers to participation, including language access, disability access, or other accessibility needs. people of different

~~cultures or who have other barriers to participation (e.g. bilingual resources, disability resources, culturally appropriate ways);~~

4. ~~Implement~~ Advising the city on outreach strategies for improving awareness of and access to city services ~~relating to DEI~~;
5. ~~Advise~~ Advising the city council regarding the impact of policy and budgetary ~~choices~~ decisions on ~~marginalized communities~~ community engagement residents who may experience additional barriers to participation or access to city government services; and access to city government services; and
6. Developing relevant metrics
- E. ~~—~~ for measuring progress and/or success of the commission's work (including, but not limited to, grant funded events); and
7. Submitting a report to council that references the work plan, and includes ~~Present~~ recommendations to the city council on how to achieve the duties and responsibilities outlined in this section. Reports to the city council may be made as progress occurs, but no less than ~~bi-~~ annually.

C. Advise city council on questions and issues the council sends to the commission for review.

(Ord. 4871 § 1, 2021)



Meeting Date: March 10, 2026
City of Ellensburg

Diversity Equity & Inclusion Commission Agenda Report

Agenda Subject: Staff Report
Submitted by:
Department: City Manager

Suggested Motion/Action:
Listen to City updates.

Background/Summary:
Informational Only:

- There is a housing survey on the City's website that is part of the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update. Available in English and Spanish.
- Ellensburg Academy will be taking place on March 11 & 18 from 6-9 p.m. at the Hal Holmes Community Center and is almost full.
- Ellensburg Fieldhouse Project is moving forward. On March 2, the City Council authorized the Mayor to sign a letter of intent conditionally selecting the Ellensburg Fieldhouse developer. The goal is to have the lease agreements back to the City Council for review by the end of May 2026. Additional information at www.ellensburgwa.gov/fieldhouse.
- The City of Ellensburg Landmarks and Design Commission and the Kittitas County Historical Museum are excited to announce the nomination period for the community-selected Historic Preservation Award is now open. Submit a nomination by 5 p.m. on March 31. Property must be 50+ years old, located within Ellensburg City limits, and recent preservation, restoration, or renovation encouraged.

Previous Council Action:
N/A

Analysis:
N/A

Financial Impact:
N/A

Budget Adjustment: No

Attachments:
None

