

**CITY OF ELLENSBURG
AGENDA
Council Conference Room
501 N. Anderson St.
Ellensburg, WA 98926
Tuesday, August 9, 2022
3:00 PM - Diversity Equity & Inclusion Commission**

1. ROLL CALL

1.a [Excused Absence For Teresa Divine](#)

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

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Unfinished Business

New Business

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Commission Member Reports

Staff Report

Public Comment

Review Next Meeting



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date:	August 9, 2022
Agenda Subject:	Excused Absence For Teresa Divine
Submitted by:	Nicole Klauss City Manager Department
Recommended Action or Motion:	Teresa Divine has requested an excused absence for this meeting as she is in Columbia. She will be back for the retreat on Friday.
Background/Summary:	N/A
Previous Council Action:	N/A
Analysis:	N/A
Financial Impact:	N/A



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: August 9, 2022

Agenda Subject: Minutes of the July 12, 2022 Meeting

Submitted by: Nicole Klauss City Manager Department

Recommended Action or Motion: Review and approve

Background/Summary: N/A

Previous Council Action: N/A

Analysis: N/A

Financial Impact: N/A

Attachments:
[7.12.22 DEI Commission Minutes.pdf](#)

CITY OF ELLENSBURG

**Minutes of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
Commission Meeting**

Date of Meeting

July 12, 2022

Time of Meeting

3:00 PM

Place of Meeting

Council Chambers, 501 North Anderson St.

Ellensburg, WA 98926

And remotely via Zoom

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Roll Call Present: Kandee Cleary, Tylene Carnell, Daniel Amos, Alex Mandujano, Mayra Colazo, and Nancy Goodloe (Chair)

Absent: Teresa Divine (excused)

Also present: Nicole Klauss, Public Information Officer (Recording Secretary); Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager.

Commissioner Cleary moved to approve an excused absence for Commissioner Divine for July 12, 2022. **Motion Approved 5-0.**

2. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Amos moved to approve the agenda. **Motion Approved 5-0.**

3. Approval of Minutes from May 10, 2022 Meeting

Commissioner Colazo moved to approve the June 14, 2022 minutes. **Motion Approved 5-0.**

4. Correspondence and Public Comment

There was no correspondence or public comment.

5. Unfinished Business Review Brainstorming

Commission members reviewed the brainstorming exercise from the previous meeting and added new ideas to the list. The list will be discussed and prioritized at the DEI Commission Retreat.

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6. DEI Commission Retreat

The Commission agreed to use identified facilitator Phil Backlund for the Commission retreat, tentatively set for August 12, 2022, pending facilitator availability.

7. ESD Collaboration

The City Manager discussed an opportunity to work with the Ellensburg School District on partnerships. The superintendent will attend the DEI Commission's August meeting to discuss further.

8. Subcommittee Reports

Commissioner Carnell said her committee met and talked about the grant process needing clarity and figuring out who the grant is meant to fund if it is something the commission proceeds with.

9. Commission Member Reports

Commissioner Colazo reported on an HR Conference that she attended.

10. Upcoming Events/Activities/Dates

Klauss reminded the commission of the deadlines for the Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation.

11. Staff Report

There was no staff report.

12. Review Next Meeting/Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Nicole Klauss

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Approved:

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AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date:	August 9, 2022
Agenda Subject:	School District Discussion
Submitted by:	Nicole Klauss City Manager Department
Recommended Action or Motion:	Meet with members of the Ellensburg School District to discuss collaboration opportunities.
Background/Summary:	N/A
Previous Council Action:	N/A
Analysis:	N/A
Financial Impact:	N/A



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: August 9, 2022

Agenda Subject: Review Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation

Submitted by: Nicole Klauss City Manager Department

Recommended Action or Motion: Provide edits and approval to move forward with this proclamation being translated.

Background/Summary: N/A

Previous Council Action: N/A

Analysis: N/A

Financial Impact: N/A

Attachments:
[Hispanic Heritage month proclamation draft.pdf](#)

Hispanic Heritage Month, 2022

Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation

Whereas, Ellensburg City Council is committed to creating a community of belonging that improves the quality of life for all persons we serve; and

Whereas, what began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Johnson and was expanded by President Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15, the United States annually observes Hispanic Heritage Month; and

Whereas, Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the Latin American histories, cultures and contributions of those whose ancestors were indigenous to North America as well as Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America; and

Whereas, the purpose of Hispanic Heritage Month is to create awareness of the contributions of people of Hispanic/Latinx Heritage to American society; and recognize the civil rights leaders, community organizers, politicians, teachers, journalists, first responders, artists, healthcare professionals, athletes, inventors, entertainers with an Hispanic heritage; and

Whereas, our Hispanic/Latinx community represents over 15% of the population of Ellensburg and provides a diverse cultural heritage that enriches the political, economic and social growth of our community; and

Whereas, the City Council encourages all members of our community to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments and contributions of these Latin Americans, the importance of social justice and fair representation for this community in all aspects of our City life and experience, and to celebrate this rich culture with events, educational opportunities, language classes, and traditional Latinx foods.

Now, Therefore, I, Nancy Lillquist, Mayor of the City of Ellensburg, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim September 15 - October 15, 2021 as Hispanic Heritage Month.