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Meeting Minutes - Final

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

5:30 PM

Civic Center - Room 3109, 7887 E 60th Ave

Study Session

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 5:45pm. There were not enough members to meet quorum, so the meeting progressed as a study session.

Present: Councilmember Craig Kim, Iona Long Soldier, Bianca Gonzalez-De La Rosa, Deana Hall, Joanne Stranahan.

Absent: Councilmember Renee Chacon, America Carbajal, Marco Vega, DeeDee Gilliam, Ashley Roman, and Michelle Curry.

Also Present: 2 Spanish interpreters

2. Land Acknowledgement

Skipped

3. Public Comment

None

4. Ice Breaker - Welcome Michelle!

Everyone shared something they were proud of thus far this year.

5. Approval of Minutes

Min 25-128

May Meeting Minutes

Skipped - no quorum

6. Subcommittee Reports

a. Legislation & Education (Bianca & Dee Dee)

i. Council Report (Renee/Craig)

Craig shared the work schedule resource to see what is upcoming on City Council agendas.

On 7/7 there will be an Oil & Gas Update and an annual update from the Environmental Policy & Innovation Commission.

Community Development Block Grant, which provides resources for residents in need, will present their work plan to council on 7/21

ii. Upcoming Proclamations

Bianca will read the Hispanic Heritage proclamation on 8/18. Craig will move it off of the agenda.

b. Signature Events (Deana, Joanne, Iona)

i. Juneteenth Debrief & Dreaming

WINS:

Great event with 500 people in attendance.

Great story from Telemundo.

Kept hearing it is "better than Aurora's event" - we think it was because of the park location.

Great support from PW team. Food and entertainment was great. Swag was great. Flag raising well attended, good speeches.

OPPORTUNITIES:

More activation of the stage as a focal point

More support for set up/clean up beyond PW

Need more water - reserve refill station like at Music in the Park

Spades tournament - good that Cultural Council switched it up with just playing cards versus a tournament.

Yard games a little hidden. More a-frames for face painting and yard games.

BARRIERS?

Translations not necessary. Maybe look to see if we could reserve handicapped parking.

Staff to send survey to vendors to gain feedback, share video coverage, and ask if it was financially beneficial to those selling things.

c. Recruitment, Engagement & Partnerships (Michelle & Marco)

i. SOAR & Backpack Giveaway Details

Decided to hold Monday, 7/7 for backpack stuffing. Will solicit member availability for both events over email.

ii. Hispanic Heritage Table

Hispanic Heritage is on 9/21. Bianca is available, and Melissa will solicit other member availability. Staff will meet with subcommittee to determine what will be at the commission's table.

iii. Member Engagement Update (Iona)

Iona will send email to Marco and America encouraging them to resign.

d. Resource Compiling & Spanish Translations (Ashley & America)

no update

7. Upcoming Meetings

a. Changing Monthly Meeting Time

Moved to next meeting

b. No July Meeting

Confirmed

c. August Agenda Setting

August will be in person. Elections for Chair and Vice Chair will take place. We will also discuss October retreat.

8. New Business

Group discussed the comments from Teter at the City Council presentation. Group will look into different strategies to be inclusive of all languages.

9. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

****Subcommittee Meetings to take place immediately following this meeting.****

Subcommittee meetings did not take place.