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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

~~5:30 PM~~
Bison Ridge Recreation Center - Active Adults Center, 13905 E
112th Ave

Location updated on 1/26 to Bison Ridge Recreation Center

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

A regular meeting of the DEI Commission was called to order by Chair LongSoldier on January 28, 2026, at 5:44 PM.

A motion was made by Chair LongSoldier, seconded by Vice Chair Roman, to excuse Member Curry. VOTE: 6 - 0.

Present 7 - Commissioner Bianca Gonzalez-De La Rosa, Commissioner Iona LongSoldier, Council Member Craig Kim, Commissioner Deana Hall, Joanne Stranahan, Commissioner Ashley Roman, and Chrissy Chard

Excused 2 - Commissioner Michelle Curry, and Council Member Stefanie Trujillo

Absent 1 - Commissioner Marco Vega

2. Land acknowledgement

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Chair LongSoldier presented.

3. Public Comment

No public comment.

4. Parks & Rec Discussion: Event Sensory Bags

Anna Alarcon and Shannon Vigil shared their sensory bags for PRG and citywide events, and asked board to consider supporting with funding.

Member Hall encouraged PRG to look at the AIR Program in Thornton for programming ideas.

Council member Kim encouraged PRG to seek funding with City Council and other boards and commissions.

5. Community Well-Being Partnership Discussion

Gil Andrade, Paulina Ursua Garcia, and Sarah Mondesire shared information about programs the Community Well-Being Department offers. Board discussed potential future opportunities for partnership and volunteerism.

6. Approval of Minutes

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November Meeting Minutes

Chair LongSoldier made a motion to approve the minutes of the November meeting. Member Gonzalez-De La Rosa seconded the motion.

Ayes: 7 - Commissioner Gonzalez-De La Rosa, Commissioner LongSoldier, Council Member Kim, Commissioner Hall, Stranahan, Roman and Chard

Excused: 2 - Commissioner Curry and Council Member Trujillo

7. Subcommittee Reports

a. Community Listening & Advocacy

i. Council Report

Council member Kim shared that federal grants now require that organizations comply with policies such as disbanding DEI. City Council is still in discussion about this topic and how they would remedy budget if it were to happen, but Council member Kim continues to voice his disapproval to City Council.

ii. Upcoming Legislation & Proclamations

Member Hall will present the proclamation for Women's History Month, and Council member Trujillo has already volunteered to remove it from the consent agenda.

iii. Community Survey Project

Subcommittee met with Community Well-Being and will connect with community champions at partnering organizations to gather community feedback rather than a survey. The subcommittee is also interested in gathering demographic information of who Community Well-Being currently serves and compare it to city demographics to find gaps in service delivery.

b. Events, Education, & Partnerships

i. February & March Movies

*February movie night event is next week. Food is still being finalized.
The board canceled their March movie night event in lieu of doing a female sanitary
products drive throughout March instead.*

ii. March Meeting Location & Speaker

*The subcommittee wants to pursue having their March meeting at Anythink Library up
north with Community Well-Being joining to present on their offerings to community
members present.*

iii. Juneteenth Planning & Partnerships

Juneteenth planning discussions will continue in the subcommittee group.

8. 2026 Goals & Budget

2026 Goals and Budget was moved to the February meeting for a final review and vote.

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2026 Goals - Draft

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2026 Budget - Draft

Group reviewed the budget and revised to reflect new goals.

9. Other Business

No other business.

10. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Melissa Sumner, Staff Liaison

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