



Meeting Minutes - Final

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

5:30 PM

Zoom

1. Call To Order/Roll Call - 5:30pm

Iona LongSoldier called the meeting to order at 5:36pm.

In attendance are: Iona LongSoldier, Scott Vanhuesen, Ana LeScoeze, Sol Shaw, Bianca Gonzalez-De la Rosa, Cynthia Montez, and Councilmember Renee Chacon

Absent: Vanina Capitaine, Marco Vega, Councilmember Craig Kim

2. Approval of Minutes

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Scott Vanhuesen motioned to approve minutes from March 28th meeting. The motion was seconded by Iona LongSoldier, which was approved unanimously.

3. Land acknowledgement

Presented by Iona LongSoldier

4. Ice Breaker

Everyone shared what they are looking forward to this spring.

5. Juneteenth Celebration

A. Budget

Staff presented budget for event including detailed activities and costs.

Committee decided to not include stage/power/sound as part of the budget this year.

Scott moved to approve the budget of \$6,905.13 for the event. Iona seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

B. Planning Update

Juneteenth Planning Committee members are Iona LongSoldier, Scott Vanhuesen, and Vanina Capitaine.

Group discussed items to include at event either this year or at future events.

- Having information at black history in Colorado and Commerce City in particular available

- Partnership with other community organizations such as the school district

- Focusing on black owned businesses and potentially having a market

- Number of presenters for the event: it was determined we shouldn't have too many for this year due to time constraints

- Live DJ/entertainment options

It was agreed that we would approach the City about expanding the event in future years, including more time for other activities.

6. Retreat Prep

Retreat is this Saturday, April 27th from 9am-1pm at Bison Grill at Buffalo Run Golf Course. Committee should RSVP to staff. Iona motioned to have the breakfast at the retreat paid for by the Commission, which was seconded by Scott Vanhuesen. This was approved unanimously.

A. Agenda Thoughts

B. Distributing Shirts

7. Closing Remarks & Adjourn - 7pm

Staff has sharepoint ready for committee and will share a link. Subcommittee meeting for Juneteenth event planning will be May 14th at 5:30pm.

Iona Longsoldier closed the meeting at 6:30pm.