



Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Staff Report

Date: February 10, 2026

From: Zoe Mombert, Assistant to the City Manager

Subject: Asian Cultural Celebration Event Opportunity.

Recommended Action

The DEI Committee should consider whether or not they would want to partner with the Arts, Culture and Heritage Commission (ACHC) on their Cultural Celebration later this summer,

The ACHC is also considering a subcommittee for the event to streamline planning. If the DEI Committee is interested in partnering, would two (2) committee members be interested in serving on the subcommittee?

Draft Motion

“I move to partner with Arts, Culture and Heritage Commission, to host a cultural celebration in 2026. This partnership would DEI Committee representation on a subcommittee which could determine all event elements.”

Background

The DEI Committee strives to celebrate all community members, with a specific focus on recognizing historically marginalized communities. A cultural celebration focused on Asian culture would

At the November 19, 2025 ACHC meeting the Commission debriefed the previously held Multicultural Dance Celebrate Event which took place in April 2025 at the McMenamins Old Church. The Commission debriefed the event and also brainstormed for the future. The consensus was to utilize City Parks or Facilities as there are no rental costs for City Programs.

Following the November Meeting, Staff reserved Thursday, July 9, 2026 at Town Center Park for an ACHC Event. The commission met on January 21, and expressed an interest in advancing the project with a subcommittee. As they start to plan the event, they are gauging interest from the DEI Committee and Kitakata Sister City Advisory Board to partner on the event.