



DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 14, 2023, at 6:00 PM

Wilsonville City Hall & Remote Video Conferencing

CALL TO ORDER

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm.

In Attendance:

Karla Brashear
Jay Edwards
Imran Haider
Diane Imel
George Luo
Aasha Patel
Erika Pham
Fay Gyapong-Porter (after vote)
Sudeep Taksali (virtually, after vote)

Staff:

Miranda Bateschell
Bill Evans
Amanda Guile-Hinman
Georgia McAlister

Absent:

Luis Gonzalez
Tracy Hester
Santiago Landazuri
Joni McNeill

2. **Community Comment** – No comments

CONSENT AGENDA

3. **January 10, 2023 Minutes** – *Erika Pham made a motion to approve the January 10, 2023 DEI Committee Minutes. Diane Imel seconded the motion. Motioned passed with unanimous (7-0) consent.*

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

4. **Providing Meaningful Public Input** - Miranda Bateschell & Georgia McAlister, Planning, provided insight from a recent program to support the development of meaningful public input from community members.

Presenters defined the elements of meaningful input that informs the City's Community Development projects. Those elements include specificity, constructive feedback, actionable feedback, and that which comes from a representative cross-section of residents.

The conversation drew the distinction between long-range planning (Town Center Plan, Frog Pond East & South Master Plan, etc.) and current planning (sub-divisions, new businesses), and how/where to engage with City projects (at Open House events, direct engagement with staff members, Development Review Board, etc.)

The development of the Town Center Plan was cited as a project where meaningful public input greatly influenced the final plan (community desire for ped bridge, for connected gathering places, etc.)

5. Introduction of Wilsonville Police Department Behavioral Health Unit's Mental Health Clinician -
Presentation by Police Chief Robert Wurpes & Brenda Evans, Behavioral Health Unit Clinician

Chief Wurpes discussed Wilsonville's history as a community that supported mental health initiatives, citing history of Dammasch and dedicated housing.

Brenda Evans discussed her personal background, which includes 10 years of crisis intervention with survivors of sexual and domestic assault. She discussed the parameters of her role, including the support she is provided by Clackamas County's Behavioral Health Unit and early work to establish a local network, and to provide follow-up support for community members previously in crisis.

She fielded questions from the committee specific to responding to people in meth-induced crises and those unable to communicate, indicating that her response is determined on a case-by-case basis. She indicated a willingness to locate additional information for the committee relevant to this topic.

6. Prohibited Camping Outreach - Amanda Guile-Hinman, City Attorney, provided an update on the City's project to review and revise City Code that pertains to the prohibition of camping.

- State Compliance is Required by July 1
- Draft Code is nearly complete; to be presented to Council on 3/20
- Revisions informed by public survey, and direct outreach to Wilsonville Community Sharing and houseless populations
- Code includes "time, place and manner" restrictions on camping
- Estimates of current houseless population in Wilsonville is 12-15 people

The City Attorney presented maps that delineate three sites that could accommodate tent and/or car camping (City Hall, Community Center, Library). The City Hall site includes an undeveloped site on the opposite side of Courtside Dr., which is likely the preferred site for implementation. Other sites could be added if/when necessary to scale up to accommodate additional individuals.

Chair Haider suggested that maps should be contextualized for public to understand that they represent numbers that *could be* accommodated at each site; i.e. they do not represent the current population of people experiencing homelessness.

The City Attorney discussed Clackamas County's investment in addressing homelessness, including the purchase of a Clackamas motel, participation in "Built for Zero" program to measurably end homelessness, and intake training to be provided to County/City employees to help connect homeless individuals to social services.

Committee was referred by staff to watch 3/20 work session (5 pm) for discussion of draft code with City Council.

7. Juneteenth Subcommittee Update

- Staff announced that current event budget is \$7000, pledged from local businesses.
- An event logo is still being developed by Staff and graphic arts consultant.
- Sub-Committee Chair Edwards re-affirmed the desire to seek a keynote speaker to discuss getting BIPOC communities more engaged with nature.
 - Initial target was determined by sub-committee chair to be outside of budgetary range.
 - New target is Pamela Slaughter, Exec. Director of Portland-based People of Color Outdoors, with whom conversation is now taking place.
- Staff stressed the importance of convening regular sub-committee meetings every 2-3 weeks to complete work to secure food, drink, giveaways, community participants for the event.

8. Lecture Series Subcommittee Update

- Chair Haider and Staff reviewed first event, held in March before an audience of 35 people. Very-well received by the audience.
- Chair Haider shared the desire of Councilor Dunwell (expressed at 3/6 CC meeting) that the committee consider future events relevant to additional populations (Hispanic, indigenous people).
- Staff shared details of an e-mail from Mayor Fitzgerald, with whom a community member had spoken about presenting in the future.
- Chair Haider sought youth outreach ideas from student committee members Patel & Luo
- Committee Support (attendance and/or promotion) was sought for next two events, on 4/27 and 5/4

9. Letter of Support for Memorial Park Restroom Upgrade

Staff shared an email from Parks & Recreation Maintenance Supervisor Dustin Schull, who is seeking a letter of recommendation in support of a project to secure an Oregon State Parks grant to fund the construction of new restroom facilities at Memorial Park. The new facilities, which would replace 33-year-old facilities, would include two individual user, non-gender-specific, and fully ADA complaint restrooms. Member Pham agreed to author the letter before the March 30 deadline.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- Chair Haider and staff provided a review of the West Linn-Wilsonville School District's Equity Summit, which included a session led by Chair Haider, and attendance of members Luo and Taksali.
- Staff reminded members of the 4/25 Volunteer Appreciation Event and distributed T-shirts to members.

ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

NEXT MEETING

April 11, 2023 at 6:00 PM