

**DIVERSITY COMMITTEE**  
**June 2, 2022**

**DIV20220602-1**  
**UNAPPROVED**

A regular meeting of the Diversity Committee of the City of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, was held on Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order by Rev. John Norquist at 7:04 p.m.

Roll Call: Present - Council Member Sherry Bublitz, Rev. John Norquist, Amit Kaul, Blaine Gibson, Connie Kincaide, Kayla Stoflet

Excused - Dr. Joyce Caldwell (1<sup>st</sup>. Alternate), Hayden Knight

Also Present – City Administrator Mikko Hilvo

**STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE**

City Administrator Hilvo acknowledged that the agenda for this meeting was posted and distributed in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON, VICE-CHAIRPERSON AND SECRETARY**

Chairperson and Vice Chairperson having been elected at the April meeting; the office of Secretary remained. Council Member Bublitz motioned that the office of Secretary be filled by Connie Kincaide. The motion was seconded by Kayla Stoflet. Motion carried without a negative vote with Dr. Joyce Caldwell and Hayden Knight excused.

**COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS**

Kate Erickson requested that the Diversity Committee minutes and agendas be included in the City emails and more broadly posted. Council Member Bublitz offered to confirm with City Administrator Hilvo that minutes and agendas are being included in City emails.

Erica Turner asked why Bridge The Divide is not listed on the City website, Council Member Sherry Bublitz will investigate this.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Council Member Bublitz, seconded by Amit Kaul, to approve the May 5, 2022 minutes with amendments of typographical errors. Motion carried without a negative vote with Dr. Joyce Caldwell and Hayden Knight excused.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Discuss Community Outreach Events; and Action Thereon**

**Love-Wisconsin event**

Motion made by Council Member Bublitz, seconded by Connie Kincaide, to change the name of this event to Fireside Chat. Motion carried without a negative vote with Dr. Joyce Caldwell and Hayden Knight excused.

The subcommittee for this event plans to meet during the week of June 20-24. The members of the subcommittee are, Dr. Joyce Caldwell, Connie Kincaide, Hayden Knight, and Rev. John Norquist.

**Discuss Affordable/Workforce Housing; and Action Thereon**

Zoning Codes and procedures were discussed. Next steps include contacting Planner Jon Censky. The Economic Development Board is also discussing affordable/workforce housing. Items discussed included updating the Diversity Committee portion of the City website with affordable housing resources. Additional suggestions included increased dialogue with landlords and requesting that Olivia Norquist share her research from last month's presentation with the Council Members. Connie Kincaide will contact local realtors and Kayla Santos will share previously compiled data on affordable housing in the area. City Administrator Hilvo will contact Planner Jon Censky.

**Discuss Winter Film Night; and Action Thereon**

The film *Growing Up Milwaukee* will be presented at the CPAC on July 20. Potential panel member names for the film discussion were stated.

**Update on Peace in the Park Event; and Action Thereon**

Team members Aidan Wagner, Quinn Henneger and Committee member Amit Kaul shared updates on efforts. Peace in the Park will be advertised in Tour Ozaukee magazine, the group is currently seeking sponsors and donations to secure a sound system used for Summer Sounds at a discounted rate. Businesses and individuals interested in sponsorship and donations may contact Aidan Wagner. T shirts and various items are in development stages.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Review and Certify Code of Ethics; and Action Thereon**

All the Committee members present reviewed and affirmed the Code of Ethics with Dr. Joyce Caldwell and Hayden Knight excused.

**Identify Future Agenda Items; and Action Thereon**

The Committee members discussed reaching out to the School Board to have a member on the Diversity Committee. Administrator Hilvo stated he had not reached out to them to-date.

**REPORTS**

**Member Reports**

Blaine Gibson stated the address of an apartment complex offering potentially affordable housing for residents and reiterated the need for affordable housing for individuals working at businesses in the area (ex: Wilo). The film *Kaukana and King* will be presented on June 29 at 4:30 p.m. at the Rivoli, with a reception to follow at the Cedarburg Art Museum.

Connie Kincaide stated the date of a community event held at Parkview Elementary School and that the Mayor and Cedarburg Police Department had been invited. Connie Kincaide stated that she completed a UW Extension program- Civic Leadership for Vibrant Communities.

Council Member Bublitz intends to write a letter to the editor and share the contents with the Committee members beforehand. Committee members may have the option to sign this letter individually.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Council Member Bublitz, seconded by Blaine Gibson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. Motion carried without a negative vote with Dr. Joyce Caldwell and Hayden Knight excused.