

DIVERSITY COMMITTEE
September 1, 2022

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UNAPPROVED

A regular meeting of the Diversity Committee of the City of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, was held on Thursday, September 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. This meeting was held at Cedarburg City Hall, W63 N645 Washington Avenue, second floor, Council Chambers, and online utilizing the zoom app.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Rev. John Norquist at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call: Present - Council Member Sherry Bublit, Dr. Joyce Caldwell (1st Alternate),
Hayden Knight, Connie Kincaide, Kayla Stoflet (via Zoom)

Absent- Amit Kaul

Also Present - City Administrator Mikko Hilvo

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE

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

COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS - No comments

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Council Member Sherry Bublit, seconded by Dr. Joyce Caldwell, to approve the August 4, 2022 minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote with Amit Kaul absent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discuss Community Outreach Events; and Action Thereon

Fireside Chat event

The event series will now be called Cedarburg Community Conversations. Mayor O'Keefe has been invited to give a welcome at each event. The Cedarburg Public Library will host the four conversations and will provide refreshments for the first, held in October. Panelists for each conversation will be provided an outline of questions to answer. After panelists have spoken, all those in attendance that wish to break into small groups for discussion will be invited to.

A press release is being prepared and invitations will be extended to City of Cedarburg Council Members to attend, as well as share the event series with their constituents. The Cedarburg Community Conversations Committee members are seeking additional underwriting of event refreshments, and residents of the City of Cedarburg to participate as event panelists. Cedarburg Community Conversations will begin at 6:00 p.m. on October 10, 2022, January 16, 2023, March 20, 2023, and May 15, 2023.

Discuss Affordable/Workforce Housing; and Action Thereon

Presentation by Family Promise

Family Promise Office Manager, Joana Hemschmeyer described ongoing efforts throughout Ozaukee County, data specific to Ozaukee County and Cedarburg, as well as differences between

Affordable Housing and Workforce Housing. Information about assistance programs were provided. Future actions include DEI Taskforce attendance at a Housing Action Coalition meeting and a request that a presentation from a member of the taskforce and representative from Family Promise be included on the agenda for the November meeting of the Plan Commission.

Update on Peace in the Park Event; and Action Thereon

Peace in the Park has filed to become a 501(c)(3) group. Organizers will meet virtually, and updates may be shared in future member reports.

NEW BUSINESS

Identify Future Agenda Items; and Action Thereon

Discussion was held regarding suggestions that the Diversity Committee/ DEI Taskforce have a presence at Cedarburg Festivals. Members commented that this would necessitate funding.

The following have been identified:

- Increased in-person visibility of City of Cedarburg Diversity Committee/DEI Taskforce within the City of Cedarburg
- Request for funding for Diversity Awareness in the community.

REPORTS

Member Reports

Rev. Norquist presented an update of efforts of the Diversity Committee/DEI Taskforce at the Common Council meeting on August 29, 2022.

Connie Kincaide communicated with elected representatives that have addressed racism and polarizing comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Council Member Sherry Bublitz, seconded by Dr. Joyce Caldwell, to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. Motion carried without a negative vote with Amit Kaul absent.

Connie Kincaide
Secretary

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