

DIVERSITY COMMITTEE
April 1, 2021

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UNAPPROVED

A meeting of the Diversity Committee of the City of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, was held on Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via zoom.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Erica Turner at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Council Member Sherry Bublitz, Erica Turner, Dr. Joyce Caldwell, Kayla Stoflet, Blaine Gibson, Hayden Knight

Excused: Amit Kaul, Rev. John Norquist

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE

Chairperson Turner acknowledged that the agenda for this meeting was posted and distributed in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Council Member Bublitz to approve the March 4, 2021 minutes. Motion was seconded by Dr. Joyce Caldwell and carried without a negative vote with Amit Kaul and Rev. John Norquist excused.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS:

Craig Neuchterlein asked if he could talk, ask questions, and share ideas and thoughts in this meeting. Council Member Bublitz suggested that he put any thoughts in the chat box function.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discuss Community Outreach Events; and Action Thereon

Kayla Stoflet shared information on the Peace in the Park event to be held this summer. Hayden Knight suggested inviting football teams to the event for friendly competition and to promote the event. Vendors and sponsors are needed for the event. Kayla Stoflet is forming a sub-committee to help with the event.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss Affordable/Workforce Housing; and Action Thereon

The Committee will work with the Chamber of Commerce to identify larger businesses to see what the need is and get a better scope of actual needs. Dr. Joyce Caldwell will put together the questions to ask businesses to determine need.

Discuss Community Education on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; and Action Thereon

The Committee wants to set up 3 – 4 sessions per year. Several ideas were discussed including bringing in speakers like Judge Derek Mosely, JoAnne Williams, Native American speakers as well as utilizing current member of the Diversity Committee. Date to focus on for first event is September 2021. Council Member Bublitz will talk to Director Pierschalla at the Cedarburg Public Library for availability to use their facility. Hayden Knight will write a schedule for smaller monthly events that are easy to plan and will present at the next meeting.

Identify Future Agenda Items; and Action Thereon

The following items were discussed to be placed on a future agenda.

- 1) Discussion on Affordable/Workforce Housing.
- 2) Community Education on diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- 3) Outreach Events
 - a. Update on Peace in the Park event
 - b. Consider a Bridge-Builders type program at the High School
 - c. Discuss the results of the citizen survey

REPORTS

Member Reports

Council Member Bublitz suggested that the Committee discuss how the community will be affected by the outcome of the Chauvin trial. Several ideas were discussed but nothing concrete was decided. Discussion was tabled.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Council Member Bublitz, seconded by Haydin Knight, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried without a negative vote with Amit Kaul and Rev. John Norquist excused.

Blaine Gibson
Acting Secretary

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