

**DIVERSITY COMMITTEE**  
**June 3, 2021**

**DIV20210603-1**  
**UNAPPROVED**

A meeting of the Diversity Committee of the City of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, was held on Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, W63 N645 Washington Avenue, second floor, Council Chambers and via the Zoom app.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Erica Turner at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call:      Present:      Rev. John Norquist, Erica Turner, Dr. Joyce Caldwell, Kayla Stoflet, Blaine Gibson, Amit Kaul

Excused:      Council Member Sherry Bublitz, 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**

Motion made by Dr. Joyce Caldwell to elect Erica Turner as Chairperson, Council Member Bublitz as Vice-Chairperson, and Blaine Gibson as Secretary. The motion was seconded by Blaine Gibson. Motion carried without a negative vote with Council Member Bublitz and Hayden Knight excused.

**COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS** - None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Rev. John Norquist to approve the May 6, 2021 minutes. Motion was seconded by Dr. Joyce Caldwell. Motion carried without a negative vote with Council Member Bublitz and Hayden Knight excused.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

Rev. Norquist shared information on equal justice resources, community education, and engagement. He also discussed how “Love-Wisconsin” Podcasts would be a good resource for the group. The idea is to host storytelling workshops with them and Bridge of the Divide. Erica Turner stated that she had talked to the group this past weekend, and they had some suggestions for the DEI committee. Discussion ensued on how we can partner with the two groups. It was the consensus of the group to have “Love-Wisconsin” host two (2) workshops/presentations for Cedarburg in the fall. Erica Turner mentioned that “Love-Wisconsin” does not charge a fee for their services. Dr. Joyce Caldwell stated that she likes the story telling piece of their workshops and hopes that we can create a regular forum on a bimonthly basis. Blaine Gibson stated that it will be important to have City Government representation at this first workshop. Dr. Joyce Caldwell also stated that we should include the Chamber and any other key organizations in the City. It was determined that at our next meeting we identify the key organizations and people that we want to invite to the workshop/presentation.

Kayla Stoflet shared information on the Peace in the Park event. Bridge Builders (HS) have joined the planning committee and are helping tremendously. The planning committee has also decided to add a film night on Thursday July 22. They are currently working on the details for that night as well. Kayla Stoflet asked that we let her know of any potential sponsors for the event.

**Discuss Affordable/Workforce Housing; and Action Thereon** - None

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

Dr. Joyce Caldwell shared information on workshops she and her partner do on racism. Discussion ensued on how to do the workshops. Rev. John Norquist mentioned that they could be done in partnership with the local faith-based organizations. Dr. Joyce Caldwell will work with Rev. John Norquist on these workshops separate from the DEI committee. The DEI committee will help promote the workshops when they are set up.

Blaine Gibson mentioned that a friend of his, who is the founder of the Black Holocaust Museum, would be willing to come talk about the history of the museum. He will discuss this further at our next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

The Code of Ethics was reviewed and certified by the Diversity Committee members.

**Identify Future Agenda Items; and Action Thereon** - None

**REPORTS**

**Member Reports**

Erica Turner reported on Bridge of the Divide projects and events.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Blaine Gibson, seconded by Dr. Caldwell, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried without a negative vote with Council Member Bublitz and Hayden Knight excused.

Mikko Hilvo  
City Administrator

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