

Prairie Village Diversity Committee Minutes
February 13, 2024
4:00 p.m.
Prairie Village City Hall – MPR

Call to Order

Attendance: Tim, Ian, Chi, Dr George, Karen, Inga, Hazel, Dennis, David

Approval of Agenda

Unanimously Approved

Land Acknowledgment – Chi Nguyen

Opening Remarks/Welcome – Ian Graves

Approval of Meeting Minutes (1/23/24)

Inga first; Hazel second; unanimously approved

Presentations

- Advocacy and Awareness Group of Jo Co - Haile Sims

AAGJC - went through reorganization recently, so trying to reach out to groups in Johnson county doing similar work

- Looking for members
 - commitment is 2-4 hours per month.
 - Looking for people to be on committees
- Looking for volunteers

Public Participation

Jamal Mondaine - Blue Symphony

Committee Discussion

MLK Debrief meeting 2/24 at 9 am at Hillcrest Community Church

Juneteenth Planning will commence soon

Scheduled for June 15th for the event

Project/Event Updates

- Interpretive panel – David

Still waiting from Graphic Designer on questions

- Jo Co Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Coalition discussion

They had their first meeting on February 7th. They meet on the second Wednesday every month. Next meeting is March 13th.

Working on having committee members in attendance.

New Business

None

Old Business

Committee meeting – March 12, 2024 (SMSD Spring Break 3/11-3/15) •

Meeting will happen on this date as scheduled

Town Hall topic discussion for 2024

- **Potential Islamic town hall**
 - Potential Islamic Town hall - no date set
 - Ian talking to Islamic Center about coming to present to committee
- **Civility Town Hall - tentatively scheduled for end of April**
 - Tim looking at Meadowbrook
 - Possibility of having a town hall on civility; still working on speakers and topics
 - Possibility of connecting local churches and various religious leaders who are working towards the same goal
 - Subcommittee: David, Rachel, and George
 - Subcommittee building outline
- **Anti Racism Town Hall - tentatively scheduled for July**
 - Tim looking at Meadowbrook
 - Subcommittee: Dennis, Ian, Inga, and Hazel
- **Voting Town Hall - tentatively scheduled for September**
 - No subcommittee designated
- **PV Diversity Playdate - tentatively scheduled for early/mid May**
 - Subcommittee: Chi, Inga, and Hazel

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SMSD meeting update

- Chi, Ian, and Hazel summarized the conversation
- There has been some success within the schools with affinity groups
- Schools are trying to recruit diverse candidates
- Next steps:
 - Reaching out to Principal at East
 - Ian will make connection
- Will meet with district as necessary
- Chi will coordinate meetings with district

Looking Ahead 2024

February

- Black History Month

March

- Committee meeting – March 12, 2024 (SMSD Spring Break 3/11-3/15) • Women's History Month

April

- Committee meeting – April 9, 2024

May

- Committee meeting – May 14, 2024
- Asian Pacific Heritage Month
- Jewish American Heritage Month

Information Items or Announcements

Adjournment

Karen motions; Inga seconds; unanimously approved