

Prairie Village Diversity Committee Minutes

March 11, 2025

4:30 p.m.

Prairie Village City Hall – MPR

Attendees – Chi, Tim, Karen, Ron, Anitha, Dennis, Rachael

Call to Order – Chi

Approval of Agenda – Karen, Ron

Land Acknowledgment – Chi

Opening Remarks/Welcome – Chi

Approval of Meeting Minutes (2/11/25)

Presentations – none

Public Participation – one person joined to observe

Committee Discussion – none

- Village Voice May/June deadline is April 5th (for promotion of any upcoming events)

Project/Event Updates – none

New Business

- 2026 Diversity Committee budget – Tim
 - Tim shared the budget details via email ahead of the meeting
 - Plans for Juneteenth (if scaled down) maybe reduce the total
 - Tim to share the Juneteenth costs breakdown to Dennis
 - Agreed to changes:
 - Suggested budget from Ron:
 - \$2,500 for MLK
 - \$4,000 for Town Hall
 - \$15,000 for Juneteenth
 - \$2,000 for one off
 - \$2,500 for Hispanic Heritage (make this its own line item)
 - \$500 for Miscellaneous
 - \$0 for Jazzfest, Art Fair, BIPOC Playdates, VillageFest (remove line items, not something we've acted on previously/not planned 2025 either; if we decide to do one it could fall under the miscellaneous category for budget)
 - Motion to approve: Karen, Ron; all approved

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- City of PV 75th Anniversary – Tim
 - Anniversary is next year (2026)
 - There will be a committee, let Tim know if you'd like to join
- TED talk style town hall / Immigration – Chi
 - Ron has 3 immigration attorneys who would potentially help
 - Active in immigration law, etc.
 - Committee: David (TBD), Ron, Chi
 - What would the call to action be, make sure we have that
 - Chi and Anitha immigrated to the US (noting for reference in case they can be helpful)
 - Date: 5/14 or 5/15; Tim to confirm whether Meadowbrook is available (full room)
 - Once date is confirmed, it can be shared with speakers to confirm availability
 - Send speaker ideas to Chi, committee will review
 - Rachael will create EventBrite listing and a few social media graphics (if needed) once we're ready
- Recap of meeting with Roeland Park DEI Committee
 - Karen and Ron attended the meeting
 - Carrie (Chair) connected with Lilian, they'd like to partner on Hispanic Heritage this year
 - Notes on difference:
 - They go through their city ordinances and review for areas that could be improved
 - Play a more direct role in advising the mayor/city council on diversity aspects
 - They are able to allow for zoom attendance
- Hispanic Heritage Event
 - 9/20, 4:00-9:00 same shelter as last year has been reserved
 - If the committee decides to do something different, it can be adjusted, but the space is reserved for now
 - Roeland Park committee would like to collaborate
 - Lilian spearheads this one, connect with her if you'd like to help with planning
- Indigenous People's Celebration
 - Discussed this being an annual event (we'd previously considered trading Hispanic Heritage/Indigenous People's each year)

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- Agreed that the lift for this is higher than we can support (to do annually)

Old Business

- Interpretive Panel Update
 - Passed at the last city council meeting, with a few adjustments
 - No update from David, Chi will check in so they can confirm an update for the fabricator
- Committee openings
 - 2 spots are still open
 - Share with Chi, Ron, Karen, or Tim if you know anyone who might be interested
 - Chi to follow up with Etienne
- Juneteenth celebration 2025 – Dennis
 - Would like to collaborate with other groups (Stand Up for Black Lives PV, etc.)
 - Potentially going back to Franklin Park, picnic feel, band, still have a speaker(s) (maybe George, mayor, etc.)