

## Prairie Village Diversity Committee Minutes

June 10, 2025

4:30 p.m.

Prairie Village City Hall - MPR

- Attendees: Anitha, Ciara, David, Dennis, Karen, Joe, Lilian, Rachael, Ron, Tim
  - Missing: Meg
- Call to Order - Chi
- Approval of Agenda - Joe, Ron second, all approved
- Land Acknowledgment - Chi
- Opening Remarks/Welcome - Chi
- Approval of Meeting Minutes (4/8/25) - Ciara, Ron second, all approved
- Presentations - None
- Public Participation - Leon Patton
  - Suggest redacting PII when committee applications are shared publicly (city council packet?)
  - Juneteenth - complimented event/format (dining together under the shelter was positive)
  - Immigration event - suggested including questions and planning topics to dig deeper into, thought would have helped on a few key topics
- Committee Discussion
  - Related to Welcoming KC discussion, is there conversation happening in PV specifically about protecting residents from targeting/deportation? Impactful to the community every day, consideration for Hispanic Heritage event, people's safety
    - Committee would like to ask PV City Council, mayor specifically, to take a stand/make a statement supporting immigrants in the current environment (e.g. like KC, MO) - next council meeting topic
      - Lilian, Ciara second, all approved
- New Business
  - Welcoming KC / JoCo - Chi
    - Reviewed the background on Welcoming KC
    - PV Diversity Committee could join a committee; send a representative to support and that person reports back
    - ACTION: Follow up to share the website with info, list of sub-committees
  - Town Hall / Service Day in the Fall
    - At town hall, JVS mentioned opportunities to partner on a service day in support of the immigrant community
    - Consider Labor day
    - Karen, Ciara, Anitha – sub-committee to organize
      - Bring ideas/plan to next committee meeting
- Old Business
  - Juneteenth Celebration 2025 - Dennis
    - Weather was a challenge, but overall event went well
    - Olathe South football team volunteered and were very helpful
    - Attendance was smaller but diverse, and created a more intimate experience this time
  - TED talk style forum / Immigration – Chi
    - Intentionally left no time for Q&A so that speakers could control the content of what they wanted to/were comfortable sharing

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- Ted Talk style was positive
- Attendance around 35-45 people
- Hispanic Heritage Event update - Lilian
  - Sep 20 4:00-9:00 @ Harmon Park, similar planning as last year
  - Working on confirming the groups to attend/timing
  - Incorporating yard lights to stay later (left at 8:00 last year when it got dark)
    - Tim confirming how late people can be in the park and also if they are available earlier (~3:00) to start set-up earlier
  - May need volunteers
  - Dr. George shared speakers/AV last year; uncertain if they were his or the church's; Dennis will check
  - Bringing a PV pinata
  - Chi to reach out about police presence for *support* as well as just invited to attend
  - Publicizing: plan to start around/just after July 3<sup>rd</sup>
    - Repeat same as last year for Village Voice and for yard signs
  - Also working to include a few kids activities if possible
  - Tim will request a bin for trash; potentially see if a public works employee could be there to help
- Interpretive Panel Update - David
  - TBD
- Looking Ahead 2025
  - June
    - LGBTQ+ Pride Month
  - July
    - Committee Meeting - July 8, 2025
  - August
    - Committee Meeting - August 12, 2025
  - September
    - Committee Meeting - September 9, 2025
    - Hispanic Heritage Event - September 20, 2025
- Meeting Adjourned