

Diversity Committee Meeting 2/10/2026

Joe, Dennis, Meg, Ron, Shelby, David, Anitha, Tim, Chief McCullough

Called 4:32

Approved agenda

Dennis/Shelby moved/2nd to approve prior minutes

Public Participation - Ed Stevenson invites everyone to Iftar event in Lenexa.

New business - new candidates for open seats Shelby is working through possible candidates for possible approval by next meeting. 3 openings.

Committees are to meet at 4:00 by council policy. Discussion of moving our meeting time to 4:30. Approved unanimous vote to move to 4:30.

2027 Budget discussion - early in the process but should have early discussion to plan.

Discussion of possible mural project with immigration theme - Joe will bring artist Jose Faus to next meeting. Discussed possible pairing with Art Council.

Anitha discussed possible kid-friendly program.

Anitha suggested World Cup themed event for this year.

Anitha mentioned another service day around labor day/MLK/Memorial Day. Discussed possible Service Day Line Item.

Indigenous Celebration during 75th Anniversary -

Discussion of possible event for World Cup Teams in town.

Discussion of Juneteenth Event - Possible disruption based on World Cup overlapping.

Chief McCullough mentioned a possible combo event with pool regarding Juneteenth coop program.

Ukraine Independence Day - celebration with sister-city as possible program.

Shelby motion to move back into public participation - 2nd by David. Unanimous approval.

Reopened public participation re: possible planning for 2026.

Public Suggested - public installations.

Ted - new resident to the city. Opportunity exists with England in town. Possible moment for the city.

Kevin - mentioned missing sexual orientation/gender identity, religion and other aspects of diversity in planning.

Committee also discussed that disability was not explicitly recognized by events.

Discussed cooperation with other DEI committees and possible cooperation with Roeland Park and other groups.

Anne Wisdom - public comment mentioned interest in community with public drives. Other businesses would be interested in supporting. Should do better at advertising and social media.

Diving Lines event is interest for community. Host bus tour.

Discussed possible work with SME and Sam Feinberg. Stipend for students for social media.

Erin suggested other ways to build an audience - using PV City and Police pages.

Voicemap walking tour discussed - working with SME students. Work with Shawnee Mission.

Mr. Hitchcock - fairly new resident - using city instagram page is reaching people. Being at other events and having a presence there. Meeting people there. Mentioned Interpretive Panel and saw out there and available.

Anne - mentioned possible merch to get the word out.

Discussed possible pairing with national groups who might want space to host events.

Moved into planning:

Discussed possible expanding committee - discussed adding 4 spots - David moved, Meg 2nd. Unanimous approval.

Future event planning:

Town Hall - Immigration/Know Your Rights - David M/Dennis - Boots on the Ground. Memorial Day follow up. April 5 deadline for May. Tolerance - what it is/isn't. Dialogue aspect. Storytelling about people from Prairie Village from different backgrounds - "Table talks." Belonging - meaning, safety.

June - pride month event to pair with - picnic. Shelby.

May- children and ICE. At East. Shelby.

75th and Native Indigenous folks - event/book booth at events. Erin.

JazzFest - David -

Dialogue event - November - Anitha/Meg.

Juneteenth - event - Dennis will follow up

Pair School event - KCK/Hickman Mills.

Vice Chair - David - nominated by Shelby, Ron - approved unanimously.