

## **Diversity Committee Meeting Minutes - May 12, 2026**

### **In Attendance:**

Dennis Solis, Anitha Patterson, Meg Richardson, Niclo Hitchcock, Joe Pachman, Kassie McClure, Ed Stevenson, Erin Manning, ~~Shelby Bartelt~~, Kevin Kinsella, Ken Sofer, Anne Wisdom, Shelby Bartelt, co chair. Tim Schwartzkopf, City Staff.

Minutes taken by Niclo Hitchcock

### **Overview:**

This month, sub-committees were finalized, chairs determined, and members determined. We received updates on the upcoming Immigration Town Hall, Pride Event, and Juneteenth Celebration. We also had some questions and comments from community members about the Juneteenth Celebration and Pride Event.

### **Action Items:**

- Shelby requested for subcommittee chairs to reach out to sub-committee members in the next week or so
- Tim to provide contact info for sub-committee members
- Shelby to propose \$500 for AIR Town Hall from full City Council
- Diversity Committee needs to decide on involvement with Juneteenth event for 2027

### **Call to Order:**

Meeting Called to Order by Shelby at 4:50PM

### **Approval of agenda:**

Chair Shelby requests approval of agenda, which was approved unanimously

### **Land Acknowledgement:**

Chair Shelby read the land acknowledgement

### **Approval of minutes:**

Chair Shelby requested approval of the previous Meeting Minutes

- Dennis Solis requested an update to the minutes, as several attendees present were not listed. Members added to the attendees list: Dennis, Anitha, Ann

Chair Shelby said the Pride event budget (\$2,000) that was approved in April also needed to be amended. It was a motion from Shelby, seconded by Kevin, and approved by the Committee.

- Motion by Ed to approve as amended, seconded by Joe, unanimously approved.

**Presentations** - None this month

### **Public Participation**

Ruth Hopkins - Is scheduled to have a booth at Juneteenth event with Asbury Methodist Church, wanted to hear discussion on it

Hazel Krabs - Wanted to speak on KS law on bathroom policy, especially in regards to hosting Pride event in facilities without gender neutral bathrooms due to potential exclusion

- Chair Shelby confirmed that she had raised this issue with PV PD. PV PD confirmed no stops based on appearance, but do have to enforce if checking licenses for regular traffic stops, Officers advised to use discretion
- Ken Identified this issue as a good subject for Policy Subcommittee to address

## **Committee Discussion**

### Community Events Sub-Committee

- Kevin Kinsella chosen as sub-committee leader
- Sub-committee is to advise on budgeting for proposed events
- Sub-committee will not lead individual events, but ideally any event sponsored by Diversity Committee will have someone from Community Events sub-committee involved
- Members: Kevin, Erin, Ann, Joe, Meg, Lillian

### Town Halls Sub-Committee

- David had expressed passion for this subcommittee, Shelby declared him the leader
- Members: Ed Stevenson, Kassie, David

### Policy Sub-Committee

- Shelby nominated Ken for subcommittee chair, Ken accepted
- Members: Ken, Niclo, Dennis, Kevin, Shelby, Kassie

### Communication Sub-Committee

- Erin volunteered to lead, wants to build relationship with PIO, thinks that we have more opportunities for visibility, need more presence on the PV govt website, more in alignment with other Committees
- Members: Erin, Ken, Ann, Lillian?

Tim S advised with concerns about people on multiple sub-committees potentially creating a "serial meeting"

- Important to comply with Kansas Open Meetings laws
- Need to make sure discussions don't reach quorum
- Ann suggested sending updates to Tim as part of mid-month email

## **New Business**

### Update from Kevin on PV Pride Event

- Saturday, June 6th 11am-3pm Harmon Park
- Yoga on the tennis courts
- Four information sessions from community groups
- Story time
- Vendor Tables and Tents

### Comments and Discussion for the Event

- Erin suggested Hailey Walsh (lives in Mission Hills) owns City Gym, may want to be involved

- Ann W asked about getting links to events for publishing
- Kevin advised Kassie is more familiar with budget, concerned that signs were expensive, asked about getting banners for street lights
- Shelby proposed another meeting May 26th to discuss

## **Old Business**

Town Hall update - Dennis

- Immigration 101 Town Hall is set
- Requesting \$500 from budget to pay for event and \$250 donation to AIR. **I thought it was \$250 for event and \$250 donation.**
- Shelby to meet with David and present to full city council

Juneteenth Update - Tim

- Will have BBQ, music, yard games

Comments and Discussion for the Event

- Shelby wanted to review amount of oversight Diversity Committee has for Event
- Event is Diversity Committee's largest budget item, but committee has little direct involvement now
- Anitha reminded that Standup for Black Lives was integral to the creation of PV Diversity Committee
- Question is whether Diversity Committee should continue to be involved, or if it is better managed by Standup for Black Lives and funded directly by the city
- Shelby recommended no changes for 2026, but re-evaluating involvement in 2027

## **Adjournment**