

Prairie Village Diversity Committee Meeting Minutes

May 26, 2026

Attended by: Dennis Solis, Ron Nelson, David Magariel, Shelby Bartelt, Anne Wisdom, Erin Martinez-Manning, Joe Pachman, Kassie McClure, Kevin Kinsella, JD Kinney, Meg Richardson, Niclo Hitchcock, Ken Sofer

Called at 4:32 pm

Agenda – no proposed changes – Kevin moved – no objections

No public participation

Old Business –

Pride 2026 – Kevin presented the [Prairie Village Pride Update slide deck](#). Media packets, logos, and flyers are being distributed to participants. Press release was reviewed by Ashley and sent through the City events distribution list.

Current participants: Yoga Moderne, The People for PV, PFLAG, Steam Studio, Hattie's Fine Coffee, Equality Kansas, Mission KS, Roeland Park KS, Asbury Methodist Church, Colonial Church, Shook Hardy Bacon, JoCo Dems, Ed Equity Collective / Our Spot KC, KCK Public Schools (through Dr. Ziegler), ACLU (presentation on SB244), Boots on the Ground Midwest, AIRR, Water One (Quench Buggy), KC Chamber, Girl Scouts, and Rainy Day.

Programming highlights: music on the tennis courts throughout the day, crafts from People for PV and PFLAG, STEAM coding challenge with Meg from Steam Studio, fans and ear plugs from Asbury Methodist along with 15 to 20 volunteers, and a possible reading by Kassie in place of a Corinth librarian. Kevin will meet with Kristy next week to compile community stories on accessibility.

Proposal raised to join the LGBTQIA Chamber (approximately \$350 per year).

Event logistics: Saturday, June 6 at Harmon Park. 15 tables, setup 8 to 9 am, volunteers arrive by 10 am, vendors at 10:30 am. The community center restrooms will be set up as a meeting space with IT equipment and need staff or committee presence for security. Kassie is placing yard signs across the city. Flyers are being dropped at local businesses. David offered to help with the Eventbrite link and Facebook event.

Budget: \$1,233 of the \$2,000 has been spent on marketing, décor, and a \$412 bounce house/slide combo, leaving \$337.

Food and beverage: Tea from Yoga Moderne, coffee from Hattie's, Quench Buggy from Water One. Concessions through the State of Kansas would require 30 days for revenue setup. Concerns raised about kid friendly food options. Discussion of catering Goodcents for volunteers. Kassie will reach out to HyVee, Snack House, Hen House, and Costco for options. Coolers and picnics are welcome since the park is open (no alcohol). David requested information on popsicles.

Logistics: JD Kinney will coordinate with Public Works on table setup. Presentations will run unplugged under Santa Fe Pavilion. Power is available at the pavilion but not at the tennis courts.

Volunteers and communications: Erin requested a Google volunteer form; Kevin will create and send it this evening. Ron noted a volunteer with a microphone who could be available.

First Aid: Joe asked about coverage. Police are on site and MedAct does not charge a fee.

Programming and signage: Shelby requested a printed schedule with clear Yoga Moderne time blocks for parents. Erin proposed a passport concept for kids to reduce paper and serve as a schedule. The city can print and laminate 11x17 signs and will provide 2 to 3 for an information table. Shelby raised the need for a dedicated information table.

Vendors: Meg asked about flexibility for vendors who cannot stay the full duration.

Candidates: Shelby asked whether candidates running for office had been invited. Ken concluded the committee will invite current elected representatives serving our community but will hold off on inviting candidates running for office.

Future planning: Niclo asked how resources from this event will be used going forward. Kevin shared that the events subcommittee will create documentation. Kassie noted a Google Doc with participants is in progress. Niclo also asked about the future of PV Pride as an alternative to KC Pride.

Media releases: Erin asked about photo and media releases. JD Kinney confirmed releases are needed, referencing drone footage at Jazzfest. Ashley typically takes photographs; Erin suggested engaging a student photographer.

Public comment from Hazel Krebs: Hazel raised concerns about restrooms at the event and noted concerns about public events and protestors. Discussion clarified that family bathrooms are not the same as gender neutral bathrooms. Hazel also referenced a recent plaintiff's case that was dismissed and raised the question of whether the community is genuinely welcoming.

Ken Sofer noted the policy subcommittee should engage with City Hall planning to recommend that all restrooms at the new City Hall be gender inclusive. Kevin requested best practices moving forward, including community input on family versus gender neutral language. Kassie referenced Governor Laura Kelly's attorney on changes to bathroom facility policy. David shared experience converting to single use

signage within his building. Question raised about adding gender neutral single use bathrooms down the hill.

Meeting adjourned at 5:48 pm