



Diversity and Inclusion Commission Agenda

Monday, March 13, 2023 5:30 PM

City Hall Board Room

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1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

2. Action Items

A. Approve the Minutes from the January 9, 2023 Regular Meeting

3. Non-Action Items

A. Historical Signage Plan

B. Timeline & Plan to Replace Chairperson

4. Unfinished Business (postponed from prior meetings)

5. Other Business

A. Next Meeting - Monday, May 8, 2023 @ 5:30 PM

6. Adjourn



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Minutes

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

A. Commission Members:

Present:

Rondale Dunn - Chair

Mahnaz Shabbir

Dr. Vincent Carlisle

Amy Barr

Rhonda Weimer

Liaison - Brian Whitley

City Staff Present: Assistant City Administrator Jeffery Rhodes

Chairman Dunn shared the update to his current role and will be relocating to Madison, WI in May/June. Wanted to share with the Commission to get the process started to find a successor.

Tiana is in the audience and has submitted an application. Several other folks have submitted applications.

Think about leadership on the Commission - need a vice chair. Formalize and process

2. Action Items

A. Approve the Minutes from the November 14, 2022 Regular Meeting

ACTION: It was moved by Dr. Vince Carlisle and seconded by Rhonda Weimer to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2022 Regular Meeting

RESULT: Motion Passed 5-0.

Posted Date & Time: January 6, 2023 @ 3:00 PM

By: Jeffery Rhodes

3. Non-Action Items

A. Discussion - Recap of 2022

1. Next Steps for Historical Signage Updates heading into 2023.

Amy - signs are here in City Hall. Have reached out to Dr. Timothy Westcott about sending the signs to the Fishburne Archives. Have not yet heard back. Park U is back in session today.

Platte County Historical Society said they would take the sign back and/or recast it with updated language. Dr. Westcott had suggested that we start fresh with signage and connect with our community to find out who is interested in driving this initiative.

Rhonda and Amy - take this forward and work toward a working group to get the community involved in next steps and what signage we want to bring forward.

Brian Whitley - Loc's presentation was very good, exactly what I was looking for. I see an opportunity to connect with downtown main street and also thinking about Eagle Scout projects.

Let's connect with CLARB to get a representative to work with us about what and where we can put these signs.

Rondale Dunn - Loc did a great job

Amy - how do we find the story and outline the narrative about the history of Parkville?

Dr. Carlisle - we do this in the social sciences to triangulate the stories told or the facts shared. We need to find collective information and share the stories that are true and real for our community. We need to avoid revisionist history that gets brandied about. We need citations to make sure we're connecting with the real history and the deeper truth.

We need to make sure the references are discoverable and accurate.

From Mahnaz's comments earlier - what is our vision for these boards, for telling this history

Whitley - we have willing partners for content and have folks to connect with the different parts of the process and storytelling (Eagle Scouts, fact-finding with the University, actual evidence and references from stories in the community)

Shabbir - we can start with a 'storyboard' concept for these stories and how we outline these stories. The deep dive can live on a QR code and website.

Dunn - we need a diverse group of folks to help us govern how this moves forward and creates that plan that goes to the board with a plan and a budget, and a timeline.

2. Welcome KC Update & Next Steps

Mahnaz updated the commission on status of the Welcome KC changes. They are still working on the changes and next steps.

The KC Chamber thinks Parkville could fall under the regional criteria that can qualify the City.

ID the local non-profits that address the criteria outlined in the program
City Staff can meet with the Welcome KC folks to learn more about the updates and the criteria that they mention.

One key next step - sign up for the Welcome KC E-Newsletter.
Meeting in April to help us take next steps - MORE DETAILS TO COME

- B. Student Intern Presentation - Loc Cole - Historical Signage in Parkville

4. Other Business

Tiana Heath - Northland chamber recent graduate. (GET MORE DETAILS)

- A. Commission Updates

1. Seven Days Initiative

Follow up with Dean about the City's involvement.

- B. Staff Updates

1. Meeting Frequency / Format

The commission agreed to hold its meetings bi-monthly. The next meeting will be Monday, March 13 @ 5:30 PM

2. Calendar of Cultural Events in & around Parkville

City Chinese School North

- June 17, 2023, time TBD - Chinese Folk Singing, Dancing, and Kids Crafts
- September 23, 2023, time TBD - Community Event - Lantern & Mooncake Making

Two upcoming cultural events in Parkville.

5. Adjourn

Chair Dunn adjourned the meeting at 06:12 PM.

Submitted by:

Jeffery Rhodes
Asst. City Administrator

Approval Date

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