

Westminster Inclusivity Board

6:00-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 9, 2023, Hybrid Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Present: Seth McGinnis, Justin Davis, Rich Chamberlain, Alan Farb, Miguel Mendoza-Hall, Doug Pfeiffer, Donna Johnson

Absent: Jillian Gibson, Refugio Venegas, Megan Peters, Steve Brachman, Michelle Zajic,

Staff & Guests: Kodi Blue Erb, Jake Walls, Anthony Sisneros

- **Old Business (15 Minutes)**
 - Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes
 - Moved – Seth, 2nd Alan, passes unopposed

- **City Council Report (10 Minutes)**
 - Kodi Blue Erb
 - Study session last Monday on fentanyl, advocates for legislation to prevent overdoses and accidental use; looking at sharing out that portion of session
 - Rocky Mtn Airport on leaded aviation fuel
 - City is in good financial health

- **New Business**
 - None

- **Subcommittee Reports/Updates**
 - Neighborhood/Community Gathering Support
 - Research on options for community support grant
 - Michelle found great examples from neighboring communities
 - City attorney advises not continuing to work on grant program; recent legal challenges make it very challenging to set parameters that let you say ‘no’. Suggested we can host our own activities & invite people
 - Significant liability issues for City deciding who gets benefits
 - PROSLAB grant process will also be changing to first come, first served.
 - (Matt Munch happy to come visit)
 - We can support city programs like Neighborhood Nights
 - Art ala carte event Sept 8th
 - Kate Cooke would love it if we could support financially
 - E.g., pay for artist & teacher
 - Could help with an event to build community and morale around those who volunteer and work at Growing Home
 - Growing Home is also looking for a larger facility
 - City Manager Mark Freitag met w/ Growing Home CEO today
 - We used budget in the past to print brochures, put on a community dinner, digital storytelling project
 - Food packaging / giveaway?
 - Motion to form committee to brainstorm how to use balance of remaining budget (pending any decisions made tonight)
 - Moved Doug, 2nd Donna, passes unopposed
 - Rich, Doug, Miguel, Justin, Alan
 - Motion to spend ~\$1k of budget to support Art ala Cart event Sept 8th

- Friendly amendment – plus Board members volunteer to participate and focus on encouraging inclusion
 - Volunteers: Alan, Miguel, maybe Rich – tell Kodi
 - Box trailer focused on teaching art; this will be at Downtown
 - Will be part of Neighborhood Nights
 - Moved Seth, 2nd Doug, passes unopposed
- Miguel proposes inviting Kate Cooke to IBoard meeting (October perhaps?) to discuss coordination opportunities – also Special Events team
- **Indigenous Peoples Month Proclamation**
- City Council has received & supported a revised proclamation around a similar topic, so likely wasted effort to propose a similar one
- Kodi will share draft proclamation & date
- Miguel suggests possibilities for complementary action
- Rich is concerned about bad publicity for city w/ possibly tone-deaf proclamation
- Motion to form committee empowered to review revised proclamation & make response / recommendation if concerning issues are found
 - Moved – Seth, 2nd, Donna, passes unopposed
 - Committee members: if you have feedback, send it to Kodi and let her know if you'd like to be part of the committee (should there be a meeting), and some times of availability
 - Reminder: don't discuss over email, just pass info to Kodi
- Miguel would like to also consider doing something separate to recognize indigenous peoples
- **Community Report**
 - **What's Happening in the Community?**
 - Arts Week coming up week of Sept 23; designated week of appreciation of the arts, lots of associated events
 - Multicultural; World Music Showcase on the 23rd
 - WestyFest is Sat. October 21st – Alan advocates for manning a booth
 - Agenda item for Sept. meeting
 - Heartifacts cultural exhibits will be upcoming in October 7-29, dates TBD
 - Also discuss at Sept. meeting
 - Last weekend was Hmong summer festival
 - Todo: contact festival organizers / leaders to ask if there's anything IBoard can do to support them
 - Library is starting to think about another One Book event next year; we should see if we can offer advisement on book selection and diversity

Future Meeting Topic(s):

- **September 13:** Kate Skarbek
 Effective approach to rehousing the unhoused
<https://www.cnn.com/2023/06/08/opinions/homelessness-solutions-houston-model-eichenbaum-nichols>