



MINUTES
AD HOC COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY
Friday, June 23, 2017 @ 11:30 a.m.
Council Conference Room, 10th Floor, City Hall

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:39 a.m.

Committee Members

Councilmember Carol Wood, Chair
Councilmember Patricia Spitzley- excused
Councilmember Jody Washington

Others Present

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Elaine Womboldt
Tammy Lemmer, TCOA

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WASHINGTON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JUNE 9, 2017 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Discussion

Information regarding Opioid Overdose by IAFF

Councilmember Wood confirmed that Eric Weber was invited and had stated he would attend, however was not present. Also invited a representative from Sparrow Emergency Room, however due to unforeseen circumstances they were not able to attend. Councilmember Wood stated she would invite them to the July 14th meeting.

Other

Councilmember Wood referenced excerpt handouts from the 2000-2005 Park Master Plan and the 2005-2010 Parks Master Plan. The subjects were on ADA compliance and barrier-free compliance status. Councilmember Wood referred the group to page 4.37 of the 2000-2005 plan, which spoke to area parks their desire to complete certain projects and where there were at the time of that plan.

The Committee discussed drug use issues in the City and public restrooms.

Ms. Womboldt spoke about her concerns with to the Parks Departments and their lack of responsibility at City Parks.

Ms. Lemmer referred the group back to the Parks Master Plans, noting that the list did not change between the two plans. Councilmember Wood pointed to the complaint plan within the document, and wondered if there were any complaints filed.

Councilmember Washington suggested a plaque at the parks to tell people how to file a complaint.

Ms. Womboldt asked if the public can attend the Parks Board meeting and ask for more employees to work the parks. Council Staff confirmed based on the adopted Budget 2017/2018 there are 16 current employees in the Parks Department.

Councilmember Wood suggested inviting Mr. Kaschinske and the Park Board Chairperson to the meeting on July 28th to talk about the ADA and Barrier-Free Compliance at the next meeting. Council staff was also directed to send the copies of the master plan the group was reviewing to the other participants and ask for their input at the next meeting.

Councilmember Washington questioned if anyone was using the handicap accessible kayak launches, with her biggest concern being the parking at the parks and accessibility to the parks from the parking lots. In regards to the kayak launches Councilmember Wood confirmed that there were users at Cherry Hill.

It was noted that Andy Kilpatrick with Public Service should also be invited to the meeting on July 28th due to his work with AARP.

Update – Inquiry into HR Department on Employee Diverse Hiring Statistics City Attorney Office Opinion

No law present and Council Staff will reach to Ms. Sumner to update at the next meeting.

Council Staff was asked to print out the email list of the participants of this Committee so all the participants can verify or update at the next meeting.

Ms. Womboldt presented a copy of HB 4767 on billboards and the advertisement on marihuana.

DISCUSSION – City TV Program Series

No updates and will continue to be on the agenda.

OTHER

Updates on Participants in the Committee

Ms. Lemmer informed the group that the Age Friendly Communities was launched and she would email information to Council staff to distribute.

Councilmember Washington provided an update on the group Lansing for Cesar Chavez and their continual efforts to rename the portion of Grand River in Old Town to “Cesar Chavez”. They are actively pursuing the renaming.

Adjourn

Adjourn at 12:31 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager

Approved July 28, 2017

