



Minutes
Committee on Equity, Diversity & Inclusion
Wednesday, February 23, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Jackson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Council Member Jackson, Chair
Council Member Brown, Vice-Chair
Council Member Hussain, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Renee Richmond, Council Staff
Lisa Hagen, OCA
Heather Sumner, OCA

MINUTES

Councilmember Hussain approved the minutes with the corrections for “others present”, strikeout Jim Smiertka and Heather Sumner and add Lisa Hagen and Mary Bowen. Also, under discussion for gun harm line six should read “Bowen”.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 9, 2022, AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public present at this time, therefore no public comment.

DISCUSSION

DISCUSSION – Ordinance to Require ID & Complaint Information During Police Encounter

Councilmember Jackson stated that last year he looked at ideas to improve the community and police relationships, that there needs to be checks and balances for the complaint process, and ideally the community and residents have someplace and/or someone to go to. Council Member Jackson expanded by stating in his opinion that the lack of complaints does not reflect the actual complaints. He then proposed the creation of a card with certain information that officers would be required to present to whomever they pull over. Councilmember Jackson proposed to the Committee holding further discussions with the LPD Chief and a patrol officer. Councilmember Hussain agreed with the idea and proposed extending an invitation to the Board of Police Commissioners. Council Member Jackson expanded the discussion with the Committee on if they would consider fining the officer if they do not present the card. Ms. Hagen stated that would be an enforcement piece and could involve the CBA regarding

discipline and violating a policy. She continued clarifying that it would come down to if this is a policy or administrative issue. Ms. Hagen proposed the Committee consider a resolution encouraging the administration and/or the LPD to enact a policy. Councilmember Jackson asked staff to have those parties in on the meeting on March 9th. Councilmember Brown concurred in agreement and stated having a new police commissioner investigator and people don't know what she does, the title can be misleading, but get her out there so residents know who she is and what she does. Heather Sumner mentioned there are a lot of avenues that a person can complain about a police officer, and I don't want us to not be able to provide all the information that could be needed, each case is different depending on the situation on if they can use a link, phone number, card, etc. Councilmember Jackson agreed and said we have a few things to discuss and think about so asked to have it on the March 9th agenda again.

DISCUSSION – 2022 Committee Goals and Initiative

Councilmember Jackson reminded the Committee at the last meeting they discussed exploring ideas and thoughts on what to bring to the Committee. Councilmember Brown asked to share the MRJAE report for the Committee to look at, mentioning that being new to the Committee he wanted to see what the Committee thought about looking at what the Mayor put together in this assessment and what we can provide moving forward. Councilmember Jackson asked who we could invite to help support ideas/goals. Ms. Hagen reminded the Committee that there was a presentation at a COW meeting by Paul Elam and mentioned Linda Sanchez-Gazella, Kim Coleman, Guadalupe Ayala, and Willard Walker. Councilmembers Jackson and Hussain agreed, and Councilmember Hussain mentioned Randy Watkins and Patty Farhat as they did so much work and had considerable resources. Councilmember Jackson asked Ms. Richmond to have Kim Coleman, Randy Watkins, Linda Sanchez-Gazella, Patty Farhat and Chief Sosebee for the March 23rd meeting.

Councilmember Brown brought up the Committee on Public Safety meeting and that Captain Backus had a report, and he was wondering if we could get it broken down by neighborhood. Councilmember Hussain mentioned that would have to come from them and their data analyst and we could ask at the next meeting.

Councilmember Jackson lastly mentioned maybe having the sustainability manager give a report on the climate action plan and he would reach out for that.

OTHER

No other topics of discussion.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 5:02p.m.

Submitted by Renee Richmond

Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee March 9, 2022