



Minutes
Committee on Equity, Diversity & Inclusion
Wednesday, November 16, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Jackson called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Lisa Hagen- Lawrence, OCA
Rebecca Kaser, Women's Resource Center

MINUTES

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 28, 2022, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

DISCUSSION

DISCUSSION – Committee Report for 2022 and Equity Diversity and Inclusion Priorities for 2023

Council Member Jackson asked the Committee to propose priorities for 2023 and any additional items the Committee can approach in their future meetings.

Ms. Kaser spoke briefly on concerns she has heard with safety, police presence and equity issues. Council Member Jackson asked what safety concerns the shelter has heard about and Ms. Kaser clarified it was statements from the women who visit the shelter and their safety when leaving their homes. Ms. Kaser also spoke on about an interest of equity in the needs closets located throughout the City.

Council Member Jackson asked the Committee their interest in having the Crisis Intervention Team in to a meeting. It was noted the team has been established but they are not up and running.

Council Member Jackson asked the Committee interest in proposing funding for the needs closets or hosting a space.

Council Member Brown asked to invite the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer; Guadalupe Ayala to provide an update on their progress, and the MRJEA report.

Council Member Hussain asked Council Member Jackson if his interest for the Committee was for budget driven ideas or the progress taken with the legislature. Council Member Jackson emphasized his interest for bringing the year to a close for the Committee but not formally writing a report. He was encouraged by inviting the administration to a meeting for an update on the status of the homelessness in the City and what funds can be applied to more shelters. Council Member Jackson encouraged the discussion on December 14, 2022 to include where the Committee should go in 2023, addressing the increased population of homelessness and investors to open more shelters.

OTHER

No other topics of discussion.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Submitted, Sherrie Boak

Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on December 14, 2022