



MINUTES

Ogden Diversity Commission
Seventh Floor – Conference Room and via Zoom
2549 Washington Blvd,
Ogden, Utah 84401

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024 – 4:30 PM

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

MONICA GIL, CHRISTINE IPSEN, AMIR JACKSON,
VERNON JACKSON, SHARDAE JONES, LUCIA
MADRIGAL, FERNANDO MORALES, JUANCARLOS
SANTISTEBAN, HAILLEE VANPATTEN, AND JULIANA
WOODBURY

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED:

TOM SZALAY

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

ANNE-MARIE BIRK, DIANA LOPEZ, AND LINDA
LARTIGUE

The meeting was held virtually via zoom with an anchor location on the 7th floor Conference Room of the Municipal Building.

Chair Jones welcomed the public and opened the meeting.

MINUTES:

No minutes came before the Commission for approval.

The Commission introduced themselves to new Commissioners, Amir Jackson and Lucia Madrigal.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business was discussed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMUNITY AND OUTREACH FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE:

Commissioner Santisteban shared that the committee was currently working on the next newsletter. Chair Jones suggested adding a section to the newsletter that would ask for functional committee volunteers.

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE:

Ms. Linda Lartigue, Diversity Affairs Coordinator, shared that Mike McBride, Marketing and Communications Administrator, would have information prepared to share at the next committee meeting.

COMMUNITY EVENTS FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE:

Vice Chair Morales updated that the committee received clearance to select Pacific Islanders as the first community featured at the Community Conversations events, and that he would provide an agenda and additional information at the next meeting.

YOUTH RECREATION AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE:

The committee shared that they had been working with the Black Student Unions at Ogden Highschool and Ben Lomond Highschool and are currently scheduling a second meeting with principals and counselors at the schools.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF:**LINDA LARTIGUE:**

Ms. Lartigue reminded the Commission that the Commission training would be held separate from the Commission meeting in May. Ms. Lartigue shared that she had received two nominations for Chair and two nominations for Vice Chair. She added that of the nominations only one nominee in each position accepted the nomination. She shared that Vice Chair Morales accepted the nomination for Chair, and Commissioner Woodbury accepted the nomination for Vice Chair.

Commissioner Ipsen moved and Commissioner Santisteban seconded to appoint Vice Chair Morales as Chair of the Diversity Commission.

The vote was unanimous to appoint Vice Chair Morales as Chair of the Diversity Commission.

Vice Chair Morales moved and Commissioner Ipsen seconded to appoint Commissioner Woodbury as Vice Chair of the Diversity Commission.

The vote was unanimous to appoint Commissioner Woodbury as Vice Chair of the Diversity Commission.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:

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COMMISSIONER SANTISTEBAN:

Commissioner Santisteban shared the Latinos in Action conference at Weber State University went very well. A conversation ensued.

COMMISSIONER WOODBURY:

Commissioner Woodbury reminded the Commission that next Thursday would be World Down Syndrome day and shared that some schools in Weber School District would hold a sock day to recognize the event. She also shared that on April 15th Weber School District would be wearing purple to honor military families.

VICE CHAIR MORALES:

Vice Chair Morales shared an update on the Citizenship Path that 19 of 20 participants have made it through the program and will graduate on April 3rd. He also shared that on March 28th there would be a ceremony at Union Station, and the program would run next year.

DIANA LOPEZ:

Ms. Diana Lopez, Community Program Coordinator, shared the Ogden City Police Department would hold an event on May 20th at the Dinosaur Park and invited the Commission to attend. She also shared there would be an additional event at Neptun Skating on June 20th, and a Night Out Against Crime event on August 13th. She invited the Commission to attend the citizens police academy training.

Vice Chair Morales asked questions about the demographics of the training class. A conversation ensued.

LINDA LARTIGUE:

Ms. Lartigue shared Mayor Nadolski had informed her he would be running behind and apologized for the inconvenience. She also shared that there would be a change to the internal process of how she would communicate recognitions to Council Staff and that nominations would need to be made two months in advance going forward.

NEW BUSINESS:**CITY COUNCIL RECOGNITIONS – MAY; ASAIN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE / MILITARY APPRECIATION / MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS; VOTE:**

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Ms. Lartigue updated that the Commission was currently in the process of collaborating with the Sustainability Committee for recognitions, however it would have to be for a future month due to the updated changes to the recognition process.

Chair Jones asked the Commission for suggestions for May's recognition nominations.

Commissioner Santisteban suggested recognizing Greg Noel for his work on the Black Men's Mental Health Forum.

Ms. Lartigue shared that would conduct research to ensure that Greg Noel fits the requirements for recognition and would update the Commission.

Mayor Nadolski arrived at the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

**CITY COUNCIL RECOGNITIONS – JUNE; JUNETEENTH / PRIDE / ALZHEIMER AWARENESS;
RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Commissioner Santisteban suggested the Commission contact Andres Brown, the Executive Director of EN Circle.

Vice Chair Morales suggested members of the Commission meet with Andres Brown and report back to the Commission for further consideration.

MAYOR NADOLSKI:

Mayor Nadolski addressed the Commission to share his sentiment that he wanted to build a community and advance a future for the people who live in Ogden City. He shared that he did not want to replace Ogden, but to enhance it. He emphasized that it was important to him that residents get immediate and direct connections to the opportunities and programs available to them. He asked the Commission for questions. Chair Jones asked Mayor Nadolski how he would envision the Commission work with him and what he needs from the Commission. Mayor Nadolski answered that he hoped the Commissioners would use their position to be leaders in the community and would get to know the needs of the community to encourage community members to participate and connect with opportunities. A conversation ensued. The Commission thanked Mayor Nadolski, and Chair Jones expressed her desire to establish a good line of communication and work together.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Approved and signed by:



Linda Lartigue
Diversity Affairs Coordinator



Chair Shardae Jones

Approved: July 10, 2024