



MINUTES

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024 – 4:30 PM

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: MONICA GIL, AMIR JACKSON, VERNON JACKSON,
SHARDAE JONES, LUCIA MADRIGAL, FERNANDO
MORALES, JUANCARLOS SANTISTEBAN, AND TOM
SZALAY

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: JULIANA WOODBURY, AND CHRISTINE IPSEN

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: HAILEE VANPATTEN

CITY STAFF PRESENT: ANNE-MARIE BIRK, LISA STOUT, AND LINDA LARTIGUE

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

Vice Chair Morales welcomed the public and opened the meeting at 4:44 p.m.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the Ogden Diversity Commission Meeting – AUGUST 9, 2023

MOTION: Commissioner Jackson moved and Commissioner Gil seconded to approve the minutes of Ogden Diversity Commission Meeting – AUGUST 9, 2023

The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as written.

NEW BUSINESS:

CITY COUNCIL RECOGNITIONS – MARCH; WOMEN’S AWARENESS MONTH; VOTE:

Chair Jones arrived at the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Ms. Linda Lartigue, Diversity Affairs Coordinator, reminded the Commission that Allie Martinez from Midtown was suggested at the January Commission meeting. Vice Chair Morales suggested the CEO of the Lantern House, Lauren

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Navidomskis. Ms. Lartigue reminded the Commission that a person and an organization could be recognized. A conversation ensued about recognizing the League of Women Voters and the Ogden School District Board.

**CITY COUNCIL RECOGNITIONS – APRIL; AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH / EARTH MONTH;
RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Ms. Lartigue suggested collaborating with the Sustainability Committee for Earth Month recognition.

MAYOR’S 100-DAY PLAN; CHAIR JONES:

Chair Jones opened a discussion on the Mayor’s 100-day plan. Vice Chair Morales shared the section of the plan that highlighted social and cultural environment and suggested that the Commission help the Mayor identify smaller communities. Chair Jones suggested that the Commission become more involved with the unsheltered community as highlighted in the 100-day plan. Ms. Lartigue invited Commissioners to email her suggested points from the 100-day plan that the Commission could support, which she would use to create a separate document for a meeting with Mayor Nadolski. Vice Chair Morales suggested that the Commission organize a listening session featuring diverse leaders from the Ogden community for the mayor to attend.

CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR NOMINATIONS; LINDA LARTIGUE:

Ms. Lartigue reminded the Commission that the term for Chair and Vice Chair is one year and shared that she hoped to have a new Chair and Vice Chair selected by March with the goal of having new Commissioners onboarded in April. She explained the nomination process and a discussion ensued. Ms. Anne-Marie Birk, Deputy Director - City Attorney, answered questions regarding term limits. Vice Chair Morales suggested that the Commission create a sub-committee to review the Commission’s bylaws to provide more clarity on term limit details.

Chair Jones referenced the City Council Recognitions for March. She shared that she would attend the Sustainability meeting, and that Allie Martinez does not live in Ogden City. Vice Chair Jones suggested recognizing the Ogden School District Board.

MOTION: Chair Jones moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded to recognize the Ogden School District Board.

Commissioner Gil abstained from the vote.

The vote was unanimous to recognize the Ogden School District Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

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No old business was discussed.

DIVERSITY COMMISSION BROCHURE; CHAIR JONES:

Chair Jones opened a discussion regarding what information would be included on the brochures that would be handed out at tabling events. Vice Chair Morales suggested a trifold format for the brochure. Chair Jones brought up concerns that there would not be enough information to fill a trifold. Vice Chair Morales suggested including a paragraph from Mayor Nadolski expressing Ogden City's commitment to diversity. He also suggested including a QR code that links to the newsletter. Chair Jones suggested including a section with information on how to join the Commission and a section directed toward young people. Commissioner Szalay suggested adding the brochure to the Community and Outreach Functional Committee. Commissioner Santisteban agreed but added that the entire Commission would need to provide feedback regarding the information that would be included in the brochure. Ms. Lartigue shared that she would create an email thread where Commissioners would provide suggestions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMUNITY AND OUTREACH FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE:

Commissioner Szalay updated the Commission that the next newsletter would be published in March and that he interviewed Paster Charels Petty for the get-to-know-your-neighbor section. Chair Jones suggested adding a section covering the meetings that the Youth Recreation and Co-Curricular Activities Functional Committee had with the Black Student Unions at Ogden Highschool and Ben Lomond Highschool. A conversation ensued regarding photo release forms.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE:

No report was provided.

COMMUNITY EVENTS FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE:

Vice Chair Morales updated the Commission that his meeting with the City about the Community Conversation's event had been moved to the following week and shared that the first focus would be on Indigenous and Native Americans.

YOUTH RECREATION AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE:

Commissioner Gil shared that the Functional Committee was working on providing extracurricular opportunities in schools and supporting Black Student Unions to increase civic awareness. She updated the Commission that the committee met with the Black Student Unions to introduce the Diversity Commission support them.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF:

LINDA LARTIGUE:

Ms. Lartigue updated that she attempted to reach out to UTA for Adopt a Sign but had not heard back thus far. She shared that the Commission would not need to change its name and would continue its work without change. She shared that Mayor Nadolski would attend the March Diversity Commission meeting. She updated that she would be absent for the April Diversity Commission meeting, but Diana Lopez, Community Programs Coordinator, from the Police Department would help facilitate the meeting. She also told the Commission that there would be a naturalization ceremony on March 28th at the Union Station from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:

VICE CHAIR MORALES:

Vice Chair Morales suggested that the Commission attend the Latinos in Action conference that would be held in March at Weber State University. Ms. Lartigue shared that she would be attending the Latinos in Action breakfast. Commissioner Santisteban shared that he would be presenting at the conference.

CHAIR JONES:

Chair Jones shared an opportunity to table at an Ogden High School event called Pathways to the Future. Commissioner Szalay shared that he would be available to attend the event.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:


There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Approved and signed by:



Linda Lartigue
Diversity Affairs Coordinator



Chair Shardae Jones

Approved: July 10, 2024