Community Engagement Committee Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2025

Attendees: Shivam Shah, Tara Bradshaw, Bryn Johnson, Jenny Haase, Kellie Challburg, Melany Moras, guests- Evan Sorenson, Asten Fuller

Attendees via zoom: Jill Rowe, Amitava Ray, Lucy Williams, Silvia Araoz

Quick recap

The Community Engagement Committee meeting began with introductions and discussions about their purpose and history, followed by planning of various community service initiatives including partnerships, volunteer events, and promotional activities for Draper Days. The group reviewed upcoming cultural recognitions and community support programs, while also addressing logistics for events like the pie contest and fireworks display. The conversation ended with scheduling of future events including the Art in the Barn event and discussion of committee member availability for various activities.

Next steps

- Kellie to send out information about new committee shirts and collect sizes from members.
- Committee members to help advertise the pie contest at Draper Days and encourage participation.
- Committee members (at least 6) to assist with the pie contest setup and management on July 19th at 11:30 AM.
- Kellie to confirm details about pie contest rules with David Wilks, particularly regarding refrigerated pies.
- Kellie to confirm and send out the correct date for the International Arts and Crafts Festival in September.
- Committee to brainstorm more ideas for activities during Kindness Week in November.
- Committee to explore options for supporting Jessica Lowe's meal preparation for the homeless during Kindness Week.
- Committee to consider organizing water bottle distribution to outdoor workers during hot summer days.

Summary

Committee Meeting Schedule Update

The committee meeting began with informal greetings and small talk, including discussion about a nearby concert in the park. Kellie confirmed that the meeting would proceed with five members present, noting that

this was the only scheduled meeting before a break in July due to Draper Days. The group briefly discussed the previous meeting's minutes and acknowledged that April and May meetings had been canceled due to scheduling conflicts.

Community Engagement Committee Overview

The meeting began with introductions, including a guest, Evan Sorensen, who is running for City Council. The group discussed the purpose of the Community Engagement Committee, which was originally formed in response to riots in Salt Lake City. The committee has since evolved from focusing on diversity and inclusion to broader community engagement. The conversation ended with the approval of previous meeting minutes from March and a brief mention of upcoming cultural recognitions in June and July, which Linda was scheduled to cover.

Community Service Planning Initiatives

The committee discussed several community service initiatives, including a potential partnership with *Jesus Feeds Pantry* for future fundraising events and quarterly food drives organized by the Employee Association. They discussed a day of service for September 9-13 involving approximately 300 volunteers, with options including weeding projects at the senior center and library. The group also discussed promoting Kindness Week in November, which could include food drives, note-passing events, and other community activities, though they noted limitations around formal partnerships with specific organizations due to city policies.

Community Support and Volunteer Initiatives

The committee discussed various initiatives to support local organizations and community members, including highlighting existing shelters and meal programs. They explored ideas for promoting volunteer opportunities and educational content through social media and newsletters, while being mindful of legal considerations regarding religious organizations. The group also considered organizing food drives and distributing water during hot weather to support workers and unhoused individuals.

Draper Days Merchandise Planning

The group discussed plans for upcoming Draper Days activities, including the need for new promotional merchandise like T-shirts and ball caps to identify city representatives. Kellie offered to order new shirts and distribute water bottles with city-themed stickers, maintaining the existing turquoise blue color scheme. They also briefly discussed the status of potential ribbon-cutting ceremonies, noting that while Chick-fil-A's development was progressing, there were no immediate plans for new business openings.

Black Belt Graduation Journey

Melany shared her experience about a black belt graduation where former students, who had recently achieved their black belts, gave inspiring speeches about their journey, highlighting the importance of perseverance and the impact of parental support. She emphasized that sometimes parents may not see

immediate results from their efforts, but the long-term benefits are worth the challenges. The group briefly discussed the Draper Days pie contest, noting that only two pie entries had been received so far.

July Pie Contest and Festival

The Draper Days pie contest event is scheduled for July 19th, with pie drop-off starting at 11:30 AM. Kellie requested help with advertising and recruiting participants, noting that volunteers can still enter the contest. Lucy, who won last year's mayor's choice award, expressed interest in participating again. The event will include various activities like a parade, pancake breakfast, and a kids' area, with judging taking place at 1:30 PM. Kellie mentioned that David Wilks would handle supplies, and the registration deadline is a few days before the event.

Committee Upcoming Plans

The committee discussed upcoming events and scheduling. Kellie mentioned they would skip the parade this year due to lack of a banner, and getting ready for the pie contest. The group also discussed the Juneteenth holiday and social media posts. They planned the next meeting for August 20th. The Art in the Barn event on August 15-16 will feature 55-60 artists, food trucks, and music. Jill informed the group she would be traveling to Portugal in October and November.

Minutes were generated with the use of AI on the zoom platform and reviewed by city staff.