



IDEA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

January 29, 2024

Present: Destini Barajas, Angelica Butler, Kolini Fusitua, Valerie Holt, Winnie Lo (virtual), Rebekah Morgan, BJ Park, Chris Paul, Gerry Preston, Erinn Stimson, Jasmine Wilder, Councilor Christen Sacco

Absent: Yuthika Pandey

Public: Tom Stimson

Staff: Jerianne Thompson, Library Director & Betsy Rodriguez Ruef, Community Engagement Coordinator

Consultant: Amber Coleman of Paradigm Public Affairs

A. CALL TO ORDER

Betsy Rodriguez Ruef called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. Councilor Christin Sacco welcomed the committee and reviewed the agenda. Ruef led the committee members in an icebreaker discussion about visualizing a community event that celebrates diversity and inclusion in Tualatin.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jerianne Thompson called for any corrections to the meeting minutes; it was noted that Jasmine Wilder attended virtually, and Councilor Christen Sacco's name was added to the attendance. Valerie Holt moved to accept the minutes, as corrected. Erinn Stimson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

C. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Co-Chairs: None.

2. Council Liaison: Councilor Sacco shared that the City Council held its annual Advance recently and recognized May 21 as the World Day for Cultural Diversity.

3. Staff: Thompson reported that the City Council recently voted to discontinue charging a water reconnect fee and approved working with Community Action Organization to provide eligibility verification for a low-income utility billing assistance program. She also reported that City staff

recently met with community organizers to discuss the 2024 Pride Stride event.

4 Public: None.

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. Officer Election: Thompson provided a brief overview of the committee officer roles and reviewed the nominated candidates for co-chair:

- Destini Barajas, declined
- Valerie Holt, declined
- Kolini Fusitua, accepted
- BJ Park, accepted
- Chris Paul accepted
- Gerry Preston, declined
- Jasmin Wilder, declined

Winnie Lo was the sole candidate nominated for Secretary. Fusitua, Park, and Paul each made brief comments. Election was held by paper ballot: Kolini Fusitua = 6, BJ Park = 7, Chris Paul = 8. Winnie Lo received 10 votes. Committee members recognized the officers. Holt asked if it were possible for committee members to have t-shirts with the committee logo.

2. Ground Rules: Ruef led a discussion of proposed Ground Rules for the committee, guidelines to make the committee's discussions more productive and respectful. Committee members offered revisions. The draft Ground Rules will be considered for approval at the February meeting, along with options for what to name the "rules."

- Treat everyone with kindness; appreciate people's shared lived experiences
- Listen with an open mind & be curious
- Be open to different ideas
- Take turns speaking, and use a name tent to signal your desire to speak
- Step up and step back
- Speak up & take a chance, even if you disagree with the majority
- Give the benefit of doubt & be willing to grow.
- Call someone in... not out. Leave room for error and seek better understanding. (if you have been corrected, respect that going forward)
- It's ok have fun!
- Remember conflict is okay. Strive for unity, not unanimity
- Be mindful of people's boundaries
- Try not to make assumptions

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Learning About... Allyship: Following the committee's December meeting, consultant Paradigm Public Affairs sent by email an online learning module about allyship. Amber Coleman led a discussion about allyship, including how to support other people and lift voices from the community. The committee discussed the differences between equity and equality

Coleman encouraged committee members to continue to access the module.

2. Community Demographics: Thompson presented an overview of the community and demographics of Tualatin's residents. She shared a brief overview of the results from the National Community Survey conducted in Tualatin in 2023, which measures the livability of the community. Committee members requested more information about the survey and its results.

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Committee Vision & Mission Statement

2. Values Alignment: Defining the Challenges

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. None

H. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Betsy Rodriguez Ruef & Jerianne Thompson, City Staff