



**IDEA ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING**

February 20, 2024

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

Absent: Gerry Preston, Kolini Fusitua, Valerie Holt

Public:

Staff: Jerianne Thompson, Library Director (virtual), and Betsy Rodriguez Ruef, Community Engagement Coordinator

Consultant: Matt Jones and Amber Coleman of Paradigm Public Affairs

A. CALL TO ORDER

BJ Park called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BJ Park called for any corrections to the meeting minutes: The spelling of Winnie Lo's last name and Jasmine Wilder's first name were corrected, the "recording secretary" written at the end of the minutes was changed to "city staff" for Betsy Rodriguez Ruef and Jerianne Thompson, and Gerry Preston was added to the nomination list for Co-chairs. Chris Paul moved to accept the minutes, as corrected. Jasmine Wilder seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

C. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Co-Chairs: BJ Park shared that Yuthika Pandey had left the Committee. The youth position is now open for applications. Recommendation of candidates under 18 (high school students) are welcome.

2. Council Liaison: Councilor Christen Sacco shared two updates: First, this year's Pride Stride will be held on June 22, 2024. This is a community-led event co-sponsored by the City. Last year's Pride Stride was a huge success. More details of this year's event will be provided later. Second, the City provides grants to different organizations that benefit our community. One of the grant recipients, Family Justice Center of Washington County, came to the City Council last Monday. Last year they

served 60 domestic violence survivors from Tualatin. For our reference, according to the demographic information given by the organization, Washington County has a population of about 78% white and 22% people of color, while about 57% people served by the organization are people of color.

3. Staff: Betsy Rodriguez Ruef shared that there is a neighborhood in Tualatin called Las Casitas, with mainly Latino residents, the majority of them from the same state of Mexico. The City has officially changed the name of the neighborhood park from Stoneridge Park to Las Casitas. The City does a lot of outreach in that community and holds quarterly meetings with community leaders. In next week's meeting, the City will have a presentation with the Parks Department on the redevelopment of Las Casitas Park and another presentation on the upcoming neighborhood clean-up.

Erinn Stimson shared information about her medical condition and about the Portland Dystonia Zoo Walk. She is excited to be involved in this committee.

4. Public: None.

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. Ground Rules: Betsy Rodriguez Ruef led a discussion of proposed Ground Rules for the committee. First, the committee revisited Ground Rules by reading them one by one and discussing suggested revisions. Betsy Rodriguez Ruef asked committee members to consider the proposed statements for clarity, inclusivity, and practicality.

Then the committee discussed the name of Ground Rules, for every member of the committee to have a sense of ownership and inclusion. Proposed names included Collaboration Agreements, Community Agreements, Committee Guidelines, Respectful Engagements, Participation Principles, Unity Agreements, and Shared Understandings. The committee decided by consensus to name these ground rules as Community Agreements. Rebekah Morgan moved to approve the Community Agreements for the committee; Erinn Stimson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Committee Vision & Mission Statement: Matt Jones introduced definitions and examples of mission statements, vision statements, beliefs (optional), and values. Chris Paul suggested using inclusion, diversity, equity, and access as a starting point for committee values and offered a draft mission statement for consideration. Committee members discussed potential wording to include in the mission statement. The discussion on the committee's mission statement, along with the vision statement and values, will be continued in the next meeting. A summary will be sent out to the committee to encourage further discussion before the next meeting.

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Community Survey Results
2. Values Alignment: Defining Success

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chris Paul shared an update about his personal faith journey.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Winnie Lo, Recording Secretary