

# DRAFT MINUTES

COMMISSION ON DIVERSITY AWARENESS  
Tuesday  
January 18, 2022

VIRTUAL TEAMS MEETING  
1:30 P.M.

1. **Call to Order**

Chair Wegwert called the meeting to order at 1:31 PM.

2. **Roll Call**

PRESENT	ABSENT
DeAnn Wegwert, Chair	Claire Hardi
Robert "Dan" Duke	Marcela Pino
Mandy Martinez Gebler	
Jean Toner, Vice Chair	
Christine Tucci	

3. **Public Comment**

- Michael Cruz – BPAC – Commission has discussed adding diversity to projects, extend invitation to CODA interested in attending BPAC meeting to share their thoughts and input from a diversity perspective.
- Jonathan Yellowhair – Substance abuse and Indigenous Commission – participating to provide input or suggestions.
- Jessica Vigorito (Staff Liaison)

4. **Approval of Minutes**

A. **Consideration and Approval of Minutes:** Commission on Diversity Awareness Meeting of December 21, 2021.

- Commissioner Toner motioned for the December 21, 2021 minutes to be approved as written.
- Commissioner Wegwert seconded the motion.
- Motion approved unanimously.

5. **Date of Next Meeting-** February 15, 2022 at 1:30 P.M.

- No conflicts stated in the meeting.
- Staff Liaison out of town February 7th through the 13th so February 4th deadline for February 15th agenda items

6. **Action Items**

## A. **Black History Month Proclamation**

- o Southside Community Association and African Diaspora Council contributed to the creation of the Proclamation verbiage.
- o Edits from the December draft are reflected in the draft attached to the January agenda item.
- o Chair Wegwert provided a brief explanation and history of Proclamations.
- o Staff Liaison reminded the group that the commission provides verbiage to the Mayor' Officer for consideration
- o Chair Wegwert motioned to approve the Proclamation verbiage as written. Vice-Chair Toner seconded motion, Motion passed unanimously..
- o Vice Chair Toner will attend and Chair Wegwert will attend, no other Commission members stated they would attend. Attendance is discussed to meet Open Meeting Law rules and so the staff liaison can post a Possible Quorum Notice.

## B. **Meeting Procedure Discussion**

- Vice Chair Toner strongly suggests reading the same Land Acknowledgment that was adopted by City Council. Commissioner Duke agreed with the statement. Commissioner Tucci agreed with the Land Acknowledgment read at CODA meetings. Chair Wegwert stated using the Council adopted language is preferred given the time and effort spent on the current wording.
- Public Participant Jonathan Yellowhair stated that the wording was provided to the Council and is supported by the Indigenous Commission. Chair Wegwert thanked the Public Participant for the information and asked if the Indigenous Commission would support the CODA using the verbiage in the their meetings. Public Participant Jonathan Yellowhair responded with yes and the intent was to have everyone use it.
- Commissioner Gebler motioned to have the Land Acknowledgement read at the beginning of CODA meetings. Commissioner Duke second motion, Motion passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Toner motioned to add the Land Acknowledgment be added to the CODA website. Commissioner Wegwert seconded motion. Gebler supported the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Wegwert stated that adding the CODA mission would be good information for guests of the meeting to know what the Commission is about.
  - a. Commissioner Toner motion to add CODA mission statement to agenda and read at meetings. Commissioner Duke second motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## 7. **Reports/Discussion Items**

### A. **Proclamations**

#### i. **Proclamations Work Group Update**

Vice Chair Toner stated there are two Proclamations in May (Mental Health Awareness and AAPI). Both should be reviewed and approved in the April meeting.

#### ii. **Proclamations Updates from Staff Liaison**

- Mental Health Awareness Month May - Confirmed on Council's agenda May 3rd.
- Commissioner Gebler stated this would be brought up in March for review and approval.
- Chair Wegwert asked if this would be the first year for the Commission providing a recommendation on Mental Health Awareness.
- Commissioner Gebler Community Asset Map asking Council to add to the City's website. Commissioner Gebler offered to send it to the group and would like it to be shared with Council. Chair Wegwert requested to have Commissioner Gebler bring the draft map to the next CODA meeting for the group to review.

## **B. Future/Pending Recommendations to Council**

### **i. Recommendations for Consideration**

#### Anti Camping Ordinance - Update from the Workgroup

- Commissioner Duke stated the workgroup had a meeting two months ago. No meetings or discussion have occurred since then.
- Public Participant Fawn Toya asked where to direct individuals with questions on this topic. NACA, VP Indigenous Circle of Flagstaff, Commissioner on Indigenous Commission, asked where to direct people with questions on this. Commissioner Duke stated there was a discussion at a Council meeting and would share the Council recording.
- Staff Liaison recommended reaching out to the Clerk's Office for Anti-Camping Ordinance current language.
- Chair Wegwert stated that the workgroup does not have any recommendation at this time for changes.
- Commissioner Toner offered to have the workgroup collaborate on this recommendation.
- Public Participant Toya agreed to collaborate and stated they are collecting data within the community with the City.
- Public Participant Jonathan Yellow supported the collaboration.

### **ii. Renaming of the Peaks Workgroup Update**

- Chair Wegwert provided a brief review of this topic for all of the participants.
- Commissioner Toner met with Darrell Marks (advisor at Flagstaff High School group).
- Commissioner Toner stated nothing do to at this moment and waiting on follow up from High School group.
- Commissioner Toner reminded that individuals can write letters to Thomas O'Halloran on their own behalf.
- Chair Wegwert asked members of the Indigenous Commission the best way to collaborate on this topic.
- Public Participant Joe Washington co-chair of Indigenous Commissions stated there is room for collaboration and stated it is important.
- Public Participant Jonathan Yellowhair stated that supporting the youth is important.
- Discuss timing of approved recommendation to Council – no recommendation at this time.

## **C. Current Commission Priorities**

### **i. Equitable Restroom Recommendation**

- Chair Wegwert provided an update to the group on the presentation to City Council on January 11, 2022. There was strong support for this recommendation.
- Public Participant Felicia Fiedler asked about tampon dispensers in all restroom. Staff Liaison advised that would be a separate agenda topic.

D. **Staff Liaison Update** regarding the City's reentry plan and impacts to Commission meetings.

- During the January 11<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, the City Council approved the City of Flagstaff's Re-entry Team recommendation to remain in Phase 3 of the City's Re-entry Plan, with site-specific adjustments made to the capacity limit at the Aquaplex pool, City libraries and masking requirements for Jay Lively Activity Center/ Ice Arena. All other City operations remain unchanged. City staff and visiting patrons are encouraged to wear KN-95 or N-95 masks while in City facilities as these types of masks offer better protection against COVID-19. Please note that the upcoming January 18 and 25 Council meetings will continue to be held virtually. During the January 25 Council meeting, the City Council will reevaluate the format of Council meetings and further information will be shared with staff at that time.

8. **Agenda for Future Meeting(s)**

- Commissioner Toner thanked Public Participants for attending and supporting the Commission.
- Public Participant Fawn Toya thanked group and everyone in attendance as well as looks forward to the partnerships.
- Public Participant Jonathan Yellowhair thanked for being here.
- Staff Liaison to add back the future items:
  - Criminal Justice conversation with Flagstaff Police Department
  - Conversation with Downtown Business Alliance including literature to distribute
  - Civil Rights

A. **Municipal Equity Index** - February meeting

Discuss the presentation from Chris Rhodes and determine any action items or follow up.

B. **CODA Regular Meeting Date/Time:** Discuss potential Regular meeting date/time change to accommodate Council meetings - February meeting.

9. **Adjournment**

Chair Wegwert adjourned the meeting at 2:49 PM.