

# DRAFT MINUTES

COMMISSION ON DIVERSITY AWARENESS  
Wednesday  
September 21, 2022

VIRTUAL TEAMS MEETING  
1:30 P.M.

1. **Call to Order**

Chair Wegwert called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

2. **Roll Call**

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Jean Toner, Vice Chair	Christine Tucci
Robert "Dan" Duke joined at 1:32pm	
Marcela Pino	
DeAnn Wegwert, Chair	
Claire Hardi	
Mandy Martinez Gebler	

3. **Mission Statement and Land Acknowledgment**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*A commission to foster support, respect, awareness and appreciation of diversity among all citizens of Flagstaff.*

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

*The Commission on Diversity Awareness humbly acknowledges the ancestral homelands of this area's Indigenous nations and original stewards. These lands, still inhabited by Native descendants, border mountains sacred to Indigenous peoples. We honor them, their legacies, their traditions, and their continued contributions. We celebrate their past, present, and future generations who will forever know this place as home.*

The Mission Statement and Land Acknowledgment were read by Chair Wegwert.

4. **Upcoming Opportunities and Announcements**

- The Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation was read at the September 13<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. Commissioner Gebler had the opportunity to share comments on what was said at the Council meeting. Vice Chair Toner stated that Commissioner Gebler's comments were well received.
- THANK YOU Chair Wegwert for your service and commitment to the Commission on Diversity Awareness
- Chair Wegwert stated that this would be the last meeting since their family is moving out of town.
- Chair Wegwert reminded that the new leadership roles will begin next month.
- Vice Chair Toner thanked Chair Wegwert for all of the service to the Commission
- Commissioner Hardi notified the group that this would be the last meeting as well due to moving out of state.
- Commissioner thanked the commissioners that are departing.
- Vice Chair Toner expressed gratitude for Commissioner Hardi's commitment and contributions to the Commission.

**5. Public Comment**

Commissioner Gebler stated that the New Life Wellness Center is looking for outreach opportunities and asked for Commissioners to share the information with anyone that would benefit from this program.

**6. Consideration and Approval of Minutes:**

- Commissioner Toner motioned for the August 17, 2022 regular meeting minutes to be approved as written.
- Commissioner Gebler requested to update the roll call.
- Commissioner Pino seconded the motion.
- Motion approved unanimously.

**7. Date of Next Meeting: October 19th at 1:30pm**

- Chair Toner will not be in attendance for the October regular meeting
- Commissioner Wegwert and Hardi will no longer be eligible Commissioners
- Commissioner Pino will not be in attendance
- There will not be a quorum unless new members are appointed
- The commission would prefer to reschedule rather than wait until the November meeting.

**8. Action Items**

**A. Stride Forward, MetroPlan's update**

- The Commission listened to the presentation from MetroPlan.
- Commissioners thanked David for the presentation and asked about ways to assist or help and brought up the Diversity survey results.

**9. Reports/Discussion Items**

**A. Recommendations**

**i. Anti-Camping workgroup update**

- Commissioner Pino brought up the question about how to handle this workgroup since Commissioner Duke's term is ending, Commissioner Hardi is no longer going to be on the Commission and Commissioner Pino will be out for several months.
- Commissioner Hardi thought there might be a pending item with Council.
- Vice Chair Toner asked if this item could be moved to the Future Items list until a new workgroup could be formed.
- Commissioner Hardi offered to share the raw data that was collected for this recommendation.

**B. Current Commission Priorities**

**i. Library in Action workgroup update**

- Vice Chair Toner provided an update to the Commission on the Library in Action workgroup.
- Vice Chair Toner met with Felicia Fiedler on 8/31 and will meet with Felicia again in October to discuss the next steps for the Committee which includes a list of equity norms for the city.

**ii. Diversity and Flagstaff Police Department**

The Commissioners discussed questions for Flagstaff Police Department to answer in their Diversity presentation.

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

**A. Proclamations**

Black History Month February

**B. Renaming of the Peaks Workgroup Update**

Pending follow up from the High School group on when to send the Commission's recommendation to Council.

**C. Equitable Restroom Recommendation**

The item is currently in the Staff Future Agenda Items queue which means it is waiting for some research and staff work before it moves forward again.

**D. Municipal Equity Index**

Discuss next steps for this item or wait until the next report comes out.

**11. Adjournment**

Chair Wegwert adjourned the meeting at 3:12pm.