

**CITY OF La PORTE
DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
June 23, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.**

Call to Order

A Meeting of the City of La Porte Diversity and Inclusion Committee was called to order by Chair Marvin McCoy at 5:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Present: Chair Marvin McCoy, Member Frank Zolvinski, Member Brenda Eguizabal, City Councilman Tim Franke, and Human Resource Director Andrea Smith.

Absent: Members Selah Brooks, Elissa Affeld, Jeff Batchelor, and City Attorney Nick Otis.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

A Motion was made by Frank and seconded by Brenda to approve the May 26, 2022 Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

Claims

Andrea spoke with Clerk/Treasurer Parthun and the Committee currently has \$5,000 in their account which may be used for attendance at workshops, culture celebrations, and marketing materials.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Jessica Bruder, Communication Director for the City of La Porte offered her assistance to the Committee. Jessica stated on occasion departments or committees wish to create public statements, email messages, engage in strategic planning, or other resources and sometimes these messages are confusing and unclear. Jessica would be able to provide these types of resources to assist the Committee ensuring meaningful leadership and transparent communication.

Jessica provided the Board Members in attendance with her business card.

Unfinished Business

Marvin will try again to connect with Kyleigh Cramer who is the Public Outreach and Education Manager for the Indiana Civil Rights Commission. Marvin will extend an invitation to Kyleigh to attend and speak at one of the Committee's Diversity and Inclusion Meetings.

Other Business

Andrea reminded Committee Members that the next Diversity and Inclusion Meeting is scheduled at 5:00 pm, on July 28, 2022, in the Council Chambers.

Comments from Committee Members

Councilman Franke attended another mental health informational group meeting which discussed the mental health gaps and issues throughout the County. Councilman Franke stated they are looking at developing a mental health crisis response team.

Marvin went into CVS and assisted an individual in buying medical supplies he could not otherwise afford after a recent surgery.

Marvin also stated he enjoyed speaking at the June 19, 2022 City Council Meeting and felt it was effective.

Frank would like Holy Family Parish in La Porte to get involved with City events that are being held. They have a large Hispanic/Latino population, and both the Parish and City residents could benefit from their participation. Andrea will contact Brett Binversie, Event Coordinator for the City of La Porte and ask him to get in touch with Frank.

Adjournment

At 5:45 pm, there being no other questions or comments, Frank made a Motion to adjourn the Meeting, which was seconded by Brenda. The Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrea Smith
Human Resource Director, City of La Porte

Approved: July 28, 2022