



Commission for Diversity & Inclusion

Culture and Arts Working Committee

ACTION LETTER

Monday, August 1, 2022

Call to Order 7:13 pm

Roll Call

Members Present

Chairperson Ben Martin
Commissioner Lorenzo Harrison
Commissioner Roger Williams
Commissioner Rachel Courtney

Staff

Lisa Azimi

3. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Harrison, to approve the agenda. Approved by a 4-0 vote.

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

5. Approval of the July 18, 2022

A motion was made by Commissioner Harrison, seconded by Commissioner Courtney, to approve the July 18, 2022 action letter. Approved by a 4-0 vote.

6. Creating a 1st draft written report on current state of diversity and Inclusion in the Lee's Summit Culture and Arts community.

Commissioner Martin shared screen of an outline of things discovered during all meetings with this Committee. It was stated that this Committee has been very active during the process by conducting monthly interviews and working each month.

Commissioner Harrison commented he was told that other cities have an app for where they live that has lists events going on in that community. Suggested Lee's Summit try to put together something similar and working with Creative Services for a possible solution. In many of the meetings it has been suggested the need for making things available and relevant to the community. Intentional diverse marketing.

It was suggested to meet with Joe Schnook again with Lee's Summit Parks and Recreation to talk about possibly giving an Arts specific email.

7. Roundtable

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Commissioner Courtney and Commissioner Williams both expressed appreciation for everyone on the Committee and the work being done. The schedule for the Lee's Summit Symphony season was shared.

Chairman Martin mentioned Evie Craig, Executive Director of the Arts Asylum of Kansas City, would like to come to Lee's Summit on August 30 to see what is going on in the Arts in Lee's Summit. They would possibly meet with Donnie Roger, Executive Director of Downtown Lee's Summit, and Glenda Masters, Cultural Arts Manager for the City of Lee's Summit, as well to address the concerns of disconnects of what's happening here in Lee's Summit.

Adjournment: 8:15 p.m.