

Civic Engagement Commission Study Session Notes

11/16/2022

Attendees: David Corbari (Treasurer), Sean Moore (Chair), Ama Hapke Rosen (Vice Chair), Mattye Sisk (City Staff), Johnathan Harris (City Staff) and Andrew Rael Y Trujillo (City Staff)

Absent Commissioners: Debi Hunter Holen (Parliamentarian) and Kelli Kelly (2nd Chair)

Meeting Purpose and Objectives: Provide recommendations to Council and City management regarding the development and implementation of civic engagement programs, which may include recommendations regarding best practices for outreach and education. Recommend to Council new initiatives to support and partner with community-based organizations, institutions and civic leaders in the public and private sectors in their civic engagement efforts. Coordinate with Council Members, community boards, and other City agencies in the development and implantation of civic engagement programs. Work with City staff and Council to plan and implement a Civic Engagement Academy.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** (6:04pm)

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present Commissioners: David Corbari (Treasurer), Sean Moore (Chair), Ama Hapke Rosen (Vice Chair)

Absent Commissioners: Debi Hunter Holen (Parliamentarian) and Kelli Kelly (2nd Chair)

3. **COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

- a. Chair Moore - Ward 1: Excited about the new police chief, we will be having a community meeting in reference to this on d3c 3 from 9 until 11. Increase in gun violence so we are looking to address those issues. Dayton street opportunity center, after election discussion fruitful conversation.
- b. Rosen - Fire department has been doing trainings behind our home
- c. Corbari - Watching the water increases
- d. Moore encouraged commissioners to bring good news to the report each week

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Chair Moore: Homelessness in Aurora, new approach.
 - o Moore discussed how we can get involved in the homelessness issue housing first vs work first

- Corbari tough love approach doesnt work per statistics . Maybe taking on the action item over the year to see how we can empower them to engage with the city and have their voice heard on issues
- Moore Civic engagement thoughts in the city newsletter, we could collect recommendations regarding this issue.
- Moore complex issue, but we can be part of the solution. Be a partner with the community.
- Hapke Rosen - Great feedback regarding the Fire Department doing training on the trail to stop wildfires.
- Harris - Connect with another agency within the City and see if the homelessness department could come to a meeting and see how we can move forward with this piece. He can send requests out. Another action step would be to increase public awareness of the programs that currently exist.
- Rael Y Trujillo - agrees with Harris regarding next steps.

5. MINUTE APPROVAL

- a. Chair Moore moved to approved 11/6 minutes, Corbari Second; all in favor (Corbari, Hapke Rosen, Moore), no discussion.
- b. Chair Moore moved to approve oct 19th study session minutes, Corbari Second, with a change in spelling of his name; all in favor (Corbari, Hapke Rosen, Moore), no discussion.

6. CIVIC ENGAGEMENT ACADEMY GENERAL DISCUSSION

Chair Moore, first steps he would like for us to consider is to create an opportunity for us to highlight what the city does via Civic engagement newsletter, or join the City with their current newsletter. Would like to be able to share who we are with the community. I want to put together a committee specifically for this and putting together a newsletter

UPDATE: Rael Y Trujillo - Name tags are on the way!

UPDATE: Harris, Applications are open for the commission. Draft for the announcement was just received. Harris will email Sheptock and get more details.

Chair Moore - how to get more people to apply for our board. Would like to make it a goal of this Commission to get all of the seats filled.

Corbari to Staff, can we reach out to departments to see if there are people who have reached out to them to engage with the City. Harris - will get with communication and see what is allowable. And get us some contacts

Harris, The process used to run through one staff member and that position has been eliminated. The whole process is up to us. He will check on what City resources we will

Corbari - +HR will meet on Friday to discuss the CEA so we could present to the Council Members. Get their feedback.

Corbari - mentioned the brainstorming document on Teams and encouraged everyone to make notes.

7. OLD NEWS, NEW NEWS, INITIATIVES, NEXT MEETING

Hapke Rosen - look over the positions for language to add to the bylaws regarding
Next meeting, 12/7 - Virtual only

8. ADJOURNMENT (7:03 adjourned)