

Aurora Civic Engagement Commission Meeting

March 1, 2023 (6pm – 8pm)

Attendees

Staff - Saadia Aurakzai (Community Engagement & Relations), Councilmember Coombs (Ward 5), Jonathan Harris (Housing and Community Services), and Andrew Rael Y Trujillo (Housing and Community Services)

Commissioners: Chair Moore, Parliamentarian Holden, and Vice Chair Rosen

Commissioners Report

- Moore – Commissioners need to reach out to Ward leaders and get a conversation going with
- Coombs - Look into Ward 5 applicants for the CEC, as it is not represented on the board at this time
- Moore - Yes, we absolutely want to make this a priority
- Harris - will look at prior applicants from ward 5 to see if they are still related
- Coombs to ask those who applied to ward 5 previously
- New name tags are being distributed

Minutes: Feb 15th, on hold

Public Comment

- Moore requesting if we can put a link on website for public comment
- Harris to talk with communication department
- Moore social media presence; Harris will reach out and see if there are other commissions with social media and

Civic Engagement Academy

Discussion from meeting with Council Meeting

Goals:

- This year, hopefully spring
- Youth accessible, not youth specific
- Connect to the City Council members
- Modular format of classes
- In person, peer to peer contact
- Importance of the tours and the facilities

Topics:

- Aurora form of govt
- Refugee issues
- City charter
- Rules of Council

Review of Academy Outline

- Water Tour - Trying to rolling out water tours and allow shorter tours

- Have a good 8 week outline
- Jonathan will get to work on this and connecting the proper people to get the involved, we can then ask
- Invite all council members to speak at a session
- Moore would like to take a step further and have the meetings within the community. There is a lot of pieces that we can connect to this whole academy
- DEI - Refugee
- Community Project
- Harris will get it to us by the next meeting - there are pieces that need to have feedback on from different departments

New Commissioners

- Candidates are ready to interview
- Aiming for 3/14, 3/15 interview
- Coombs will reach out to Ward 5

Old News, New News Etc

- Meetings, once a month
 - What can we do to be more effective as a commission
 - Rosen - Have more conversations
 - Moore - Illuminate some of the citys highlights
 - Holden - City tours, Art in publics spaces is an easy tour we can do
- Meetings in person vs not
 - Holden: zoom meetings are nice; there is a benefit of getting together
 - Holden offers space at her home to get to know new members
 - April Zoom and May In Person

** Let us know prior to the meeting if you cant make it

Next Meeting: Study Session 3/22, 6pm

- Johnathan to connect with Moore prior to regular monthly meeting

Meeting Adjourned 7:18pm