

Aurora Civic Engagement Commission Regular Session – Meeting Minutes

Session date: April 19, 2023, 6:00pm

Attendees: (Virtual)

- Commission: Sean Moore, Ama Hapke Rosen, David Corbari, Kelli Kelly (Quorum reached)
- Staff: Jonathan Harris, Andrew Trujillo

Discussion Notes:

1. Chair Moore: Discussion of attendance. Recent absences have created a challenge with reaching a quorum at recent regular meetings and study session. Request from Chair to recommit to regular attendance. Email was sent by Jonathan Harris at request of County Clerk to address attendance concerns due to recent delays in progress. Experiencing this issue with other commissions

2. Chair Moore: Discussion of Commission Candidates

- a. Comm. Hapke Rosen sat in on one interview and did not perceive candidate to be a fit
- b. Comm. Kelly also sat in on one interview and did not find candidate to be aligned and demonstrating understanding of commission/roles
- c. Commissioner Moore shared thoughts on the importance of recognizing different lived experiences. Cautious about applying limitations related to education, pedigree.
- d. Commissioners agreed with assessment and confirmed that resumes, education were not influence, just fit, demonstration of understanding of commission charge
- e. Commissioner Kelly recommended mining relationships within the Commission. Each commissioner could potentially provide recommendations of individuals that might be well-suited. Should also consider ways to make process less subjective. Do we have identified criteria/attributes that we are seeking?
- f. Call to commission to move forward with a recommendation on selection/appointment of candidates. Discussion of candidates, interviews conducted, nonstarters
- g. Jonathan Harris provided synopsis/debrief of all candidates/interviews conducted, followed by discussion by commissioners.

- Zack Heaton
- Julie Huygan
- Wendy Villalobos
- Monique Atkinson
- Michael Goran

h. Commissioner Moore: called for motion to approve addition of 3 candidates:

Julie Huygan, Monique Atkinson, Michael Goran. Second by Commissioner Hapke Rosen.

All votes in favor, no discussion, abstention, opposing. Staff member Jonathan provided overview of city council process to confirm appointments.

3. Community Engagement Academy: Academy date July 11. Discussion of confirmed Aurora City staff participants. Request into int. Police Chief. Will reach out to Fire Chief.

- Jonathan Harris expediting application to ensure release in city publications in June to yield high participation

4. Old Business/New Business

a. May meeting scheduled for May 3, 2023 at 6:00pm. Will be in person session, location to be announced.

b. Commissioner Hapke Rosen shared Engaged Neighbor program

c. Discussion of potential commission-led grant applications to secure funding to serve commission objectives. Jonathan will compile a list of grants that are applicable to city commission.

d. Invitation by chair to share resumes of potential commission candidates

5. Meeting concluded: 7:46pm