

Westminster Inclusivity Board

6:00-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 21, 2024, Hybrid Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Present: Seth McGinnis, Rich Chamberlain, Justin Davis, Donna Johnson, Alan Farb, Jillian Gibson, Michelle Zajic,
Absent: Miguel Mendoza-Hall, Steve Brachman, Megan Peters, Doug Pfeiffer
Staff / Guests: Amy Rodda, Kate Cooke

- **Welcome (5 Minutes)**
- **Old Business (15 Minutes)**
 - **Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes**
 - Moved: Alan; 2nd Michelle; passes unopposed
 - **2024 goal setting**
 - Rich - Under community health & safety: food desert
 - City talked about possibly using the former Walmart marketplace
 - Community resources is exploring idea of farmer's market at 73rd and Lowell
 - Can be more expensive, but they do take EBT
 - Mobile options? Refrigerated vehicles w/ smaller selection of fresh vegetables, eggs, milk, etc. Public/private partnership opportunity?
 - City looking at expanding partnership w/ Growing Home, and they're looking at having community fridges hosted perhaps by city facilities, stocked by GH - mobile food pantry
 - Another space: former Albertson's NE corner of 72nd & Sheridan
 - 72nd Street corridor from Pecos to Sheridan
 - What can we do to promote an affordable fresh food option?
 - Saturday night, Sept 7th - Alan is hosting informational meeting with Westminster Community Foundation at his house - email him for details
 - Priority 3 goal added: explore issue of food access
 - Review of goals
 - Priority 1 - Access to Opportunity
 - Affordable housing
 - Talk to City Council about impacts of historical development practices; if you're going to approve zoning modifications, why not approve mixed zoning?
 - Motion by Rich, 2nd by Michelle: Advise city council on history and disadvantages of exclusionary zoning & urge them to consider more inclusive zoning options such as mixed-use and mixed residential.
 - Note that actual mixed housing differs from the case where there are multiple housing types within an area but it's all segregated.
 - Motion passes unopposed - drafting volunteers: Rich, Michelle, Justin
 - Then run it by relevant city staff
 - Transportation options for seniors

- Alan had difficulty contacting FreeBee folks to get a presentation set up for City Council; will keep trying. Attempt to get their sales pitch to pass on to Chris at next meeting.
 - “On-demand microtransit” is the phrase being used
 - Priority 2
 - Outreach & connection to community through city & neighborhood events
 - Michelle knows someone who has set up a consultancy on how to leverage existing resources & tweak presentation to improve city communications. Acting as private citizen, she will share info about this with City Mgr.
 - Can we add info about upcoming events & relevant city staff to agenda? ~3 month outlook
 - Encourage diverse community members to apply for city commissions & boards, marketing on more channels
 - Significant board turnover is coming up at end of year
 - Connect to other boards & see if they're in a similar situation
 - If you know good potential board members, invite them to sit in and listen to a board meeting
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 - Priority 3 – community health & safety
 - Look at similar programs to co-responders that could be applied in other areas, like code enforcement
 - Staff will look into what has already been explored
 - Supporting the unhoused
 - Could use more voices to back up Alan at council meetings
 - Encourage Council to find more systemic / sustainable / permanent solutions / systems of support, not just reactive (vouchers, etc.)
 - To be explored further in future meetings
 - Could synergize with advisement on affordable housing
 - [discussion of experiences with Safe Outdoor Space]
 - Explore food gaps in community (see notes at top)
 - At next meeting focus on remaining pieces (priorities 4+), including discussion of immigrants and refugees
 - Building Community/Outreach
 - Sign Up for Special Events
 - forthcoming
 - Vary Meeting Locations
- City Council Report (10 Minutes)
 - ~~Councillor David DeMott~~
 - New Business (20 Minutes)
 - Accelerated action to going to a ward system
 - If it passes in November, wards will need to be drawn quickly
 - Possible for IBoard to be involved?
 - Justin with ask DeMott
 - Subcommittee Reports/Updates (20 minutes)
 - Senior Resources Center Subcommittee
 - Community Report

- What's Happening in the Community?
- **Future Meeting topics**
 - September 11: Chris Chovan, Senior Transportation and Mobility Planner
 - See new items above