



September 5th Equity Subcommittee Meeting

Attendance: Sarah Dixit (Chair), Stephanie Courtney (Vice Chair), Kiana McKenna, Josh Orozco, Jonathan Alder, KJ January

Staff: Alex Gibilisco, Ginny Ramos, Mark Carlos, Nicolette Ocheltree, Jeff Gunn,

Land Acknowledgment

Approving May and August Minutes

John Alder moved, Stephanie Courtney seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Community Updates

John said that there are a couple of important ordinances to keep up with.

Stephanie updated that Shades of Motherhood Network has 12 doulas now and will be hosting a fundraiser at the Philanthropy Center. They have also received numerous awards for their work.

There was a Black and Brown art space during the Nuestras Raices Tacos and Tequila Festival. No-Li has reached out to Nuestras Raices for sponsorship for Tacos and Tequila.

Carl Maxey Center has a new Executive Director: Dr Shari Clarke. They will be celebrating Sandy Williams' Birthday and Life next Wednesday.

Dr Orozco mention the Whitworth event on October 5th when they will bring Brian Stevenson, author of Just Mercy to the Convention Center. The Universities and Colleges are working together to offer free tickets to their students and reduced rates to the community.

Spectrum LGBTQ2S+ Center is having Bingo Night October 5th at the Hive to raise funds for their building.

No Council Liaison Update because Councilwoman Wilkerson was helping open the Carla Peperzak Middle School.

Matt Boston, Council's budget manager presented on the 2024 Proposed Budget

-Boston shared some current funding statistics. He also shared the upcoming budget timeline starting on October 2nd and ending on November 27th.

-For more information please visit <https://my.spokanecity.org/budget> or contact Matt at mboston@spokanecity.org

Questions from the Subcommittee included:

Cultural Center Funds, Preventative Health Programs, Housing Programs, Resources that can help with the budget process. Another question was if any of the rainbow



crosswalks are planned to be put in places where there is a majority Black and Brown population “to break the narrative that only White people are queer.”

-Boston shared that the Subcommittee as a subcommittee of the Finance & Administration Committee can contact him for information and suggestions including translated materials and budget priorities.

Mayor Woodward’s appearance with alleged domestic terrorist Matt Shea:

Chair Dixit drafted a letter for the Subcommittee to consider. They will be holding a special meeting to finalize the language.

Good of the Order

It was suggested that the Briefing Center be used to promote the Equity Subcommittee and to recruit new members.

The Subcommittee expressed a desire to invite newly appointed Councilman Ryan Oelrich to a future meeting.

Next meeting will be November 7th at 9:30am via Teams and in the Tribal Conference Room at City Hall