

EQUITY SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES
City of Spokane
Equity Subcommittee
City Hall – Tribal Conference Room
01/07/25

Call to Order: 9:38am

Attendance

Subcommittee Members Present:

Sarah Dixit, KJ January, Jacky Garcia (filling in for Ana Trusty), Wendy Schatz, John Alder

Staff Present:

CM Lili Navarrete, Alex Gibilisco, Andres Grageda, Chris Wright, Giacobbe Byrd

Others Present:

Approval of Minutes

- No quorum to approve December minutes

Agenda Items

Briefing Items

1. Civil Rights Complaints, Stats and Process Update – Jerrall Haynes
 - Postponed due to illness

2. Changes to Council Bylaws and Committee Assignments – Giacobbe Byrd, Chris Wright
 - No Action Taken, Discussion Only
 - Significant Changes
 - Public testimony allowed at committee meetings for items on that agenda (2 min total per person, up to 15 individuals)

 - Public testimony remains at 2 minutes for open forum. Two minutes will also be given for public testimony on the consent agenda, board and commission appointments, and first reading ordinances. Folks will have 3 minutes to testify on final reading ordinances, resolutions, and hearings

- Longer advance notice of legislative items and changes, with sponsor changes required shortly after committee review, and amendments allowed only if submitted at least two weeks prior to council consideration (this allows for the public to view a final, amended agenda for a week prior to council consideration)
 - SMC changed to eliminate the minimum four “town hall” meetings per year, leaving frequency to of town hall meetings to council rules, which currently provide for three such meetings (one in each district)
 - Repeal of SMC minimum 10-day advance publication of agenda (though in practicality, draft agendas will be posted far in advance of the 10 day minimum)
 - Requirement for public hearing and testimony prior to council decision to fill council and mayor vacancies
- An idea was introduced to create a page on the website that explains how exactly an item gets passed through the legislative process
3. Subcommittee Guidance for Presenters – All – Alex Gibilisco
- No Action Taken, Discussion Only
 - Discussed timeline for feedback and presenters/Equity Subcommittee responsibilities.

Standing Updates

1. Council Liaison Update – CM Navarrete
2. Share Successes in life, work or advancing equity
3. Recruitment

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:00am.

Next Equity Subcommittee Meeting, February 4th, at 9:30am, City Hall, Tribal Room (1st floor)

Prepared by:

Andres Grageda, Assistant to CM Navarrete

Approved: February 4th, 2025