

EQUITY SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES
City of Spokane
Equity Subcommittee
City Hall – Tribal Conference Room
02/04/25

Call to Order: 9:34am

Attendance

Subcommittee Members Present:

Sarah Dixit, Stephaine, Kiana Mckenna, Jesus Torres, KJ January, Wendy Schatz, John Alder, Tyler Tamoush

Staff Present:

Council President Betsy Wilkerson (9:40am), Alex Gibilisco, Andres Grageda, Mark Carlos, Lisa Gardner, Erin Hut

Others Present:

Approval of Minutes

- Voted to approve December and January minutes

Agenda Items

Briefing Items

1. Communicating and Engaging with Council and Administration– Lisa Gardner & Erin Hut
 - No Action Taken, Discussion Only
 - CoS Communications include City Website, 311, CityCable5, Newsletters from various departments
 - City Council uses Blogs/Newsletters, video posts on social media, neighborhood council presentations, tabling events or community forums, printed collateral information and partnerships
 - Online engagements include Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Twitter, Vimeo, Email, LinkedIn, Nextdoor, as well as the CoS Website.
 - Office of Neighborhood Services is working on Zines to breakdown different functions of the city.
 - What is preferred mode or tactic of communication for you and your community?
 1. Visual storytelling to address language barriers

2. Look for alternative modes other than social media for those who don't use social media
 3. In person is the best way to really connect with the community
 4. People don't feel confident that engaging with the city will be helpful or useful
 5. A physical poster for the CoS to be posted at different frequently visited locations with a few of our services and some people to contact if needed.
- The Administration ran a marketing campaign for the Multi Family Tax Credit which consisted of Google ads, videos and other forms of media, some translated in Spanish.

2. East Central Police Precinct – Council President Wilkerson

- No Action Taken, Discussion Only
 - Per the SMC, ES is required to review responsive proposals for the citing of basic city facilities and make recommendation to the city council. The recommendation must be based on these criteria:
 - effective demonstrably needed service to impacted neighborhood residents;
 - responsiveness of the location to the demonstrated needs of the residents of an impacted neighborhood; and
 - financial sustainability of the location.
 - CP Wilkerson is proposing a new location for the precinct, corner of Sprague and Altamont.
 - Events at the MLK Center cause issues because of space. Police speeding out of the neighborhood to go to a call is dangerous and can cause issues
 - The new location has office space, adequate parking, flat roof for drone usage, convenient location

3. Council President Connecting with Equity SC – Council President Wilkerson

- No Action Taken, Discussion Only
 - We need more accountability and presence in the community from SHRC, OCREI and any other entities that are doing this kind of work.

4. Potential Joint Meeting with SHRC – Sarah Dixit

- No Action Taken, Discussion Only
 - The ES is open to joining the SHRC at their next meeting to discuss opportunities for collaboration.

5. Recruitment – All

- No Action Taken, Discussion Only

- There are multiple members who are coming up on their term and would either have to reinstate or not
- There are also multiple applicants that we need to review

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, March 6th, at 5:30pm, City Hall, Briefing Center

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Approved by: Consensus on April, 01 2025 Meeting