

EQUITY SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES
City of Spokane
Equity Subcommittee
PICA Office 1215 N Monroe
4/15/2026

Call to Order: 12:09pm

Attendance

Subcommittee Members Present:

Sebastian Ruiz (Chair), Kiana McKenna, Patricia Castaneda, KJ January,

Absent:

Staff Present:

Alex Gibilisco, Sebastian Pedinielli, CM Sarah Dixit

Others Present:

Approval of Minutes

- Voted to approve February minutes

Agenda Items

Briefing Items

1. Equitable Budgeting Workgroup Update – Sebastian Ruiz, Kiana McKenna
 - Sebastian R. and Kiana presented a slideshow setting guidelines for equitable budgeting framework for the city
 - Presented to CP Wilkerson and will be presented to CM Dillon and CM Zappone
 - Committee members gave feedback on the presentation to strengthen the information and identify potential weaknesses
2. Workplan: Priority Exercise–Sebastian Ruiz
 - Sebastian R. asked the members which of the five key purposes the committee should focus on for the rest of the year
 - Pat suggested collaborating with other sub-committees as an achievable and successful goal to focus on
 - Alex and Sebastian R. decided that members should rank which of the purposes are most to least important

- Kiana and KJ agreed that the top three were most important, there was consensus that these were what should be focused on

3. Lessons Learned from Atlanta – Kiana McKenna, Sarah Dixit

- CM Dixit was optimistic after her time in Atlanta and thought it demonstrated the progress that Spokane is making
- Kiana found that there were a lot of different challenges that communities were facing, but there were significant similarities as well
 - Kiana was also impressed with the accessibility of the city and county's budgets

Standing Updates

- Council Updates cut for time

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:37

Next Equity Subcommittee Meeting, May 17th, at 12:00pm, City Hall, Tribal Room (1st floor)

Prepared by:

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Approved by: consensus 7/15/2026