



City of Ontario
Diversity Advisory Committee
Minutes
August 14, 2018
Ontario City Hall Council Chambers 5:30 pm

1. **Call to Order:** 5:41 pm
2. **Roll Call / Introductions:** Paul Cheney ✓, Cydney Cooke ✓, Janet Komoto ✓, Jeaneth Mendoza ✓, Alfredo Rodriguez ✓, Maria Romero ✓, Vacant ____

3. **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to Approve by Maria Romero, Seconded by Janet Komoto, unanimous

Chair recognized Kaitlyn Ruffenbach from Oregon Community Foundation

Kaitlyn said she is visiting the committee to see what we are doing and she is working on a story about efforts in diversity and inclusion across the state.

4. **Feedback From Oregon Hunger Task Force – Committee Members**

Paul Cheney talked about the Task Force meeting. Most were deeply involved in education. There is a 74% threshold for the lunch program. Everyone gets a \$30 card per month since there is no lunch provided from the schools. Probably use more by people with snap benefits. Barriers to taking free lunches. They have to fill out a form which requires social security number. Many of the migrant farm workers don't fill it out because they don't have any social security number. One school district only had a 50% use and they had a goal to get to 70%.

Chair Rodriguez asked if there was something we could do to help with the lunch program.

Jeaneth Mendoza said there may be some confusion not understanding what it actually is. Some threw it away because they did not know what it was. Educating the public before the summer would help.

The committee would like to discuss this in the spring prior to next summer.

Maria Romero said we could get more information from DHS about the cards so we could help promote it.

Janet Komoto said maybe we can advertise in the newspaper or radio.

Jeaneth said maybe we could have the families purchase groceries and if they weren't going to use the groceries they could be donated somewhere.

Maria Romero will contact DHS to see if they can come to the meeting.

5. Events Coming Up:

1. Farm Worker Appreciation Day is coming up. August 26 from 3 to 7. The DAC could have a table at the event. It would not cost anything.

Alfredo said we would like some materials for the Diversity Advisory Committee. Janet could provide voter registration for Oregon and Idaho.

Staff could come up with a one page document.

2. Mexican Independence Day on September 16, 2018. At the cultural center.

3. ICA Sanctioned Bulls and Broncs at the Fairgrounds on September 22, 2018.

6. City Recorder Presentation on Open Meetings, Public Records - Tori Barnett, City Recorder

1. The City Recorder Tori Barnett gave a brief presentation on Open Meetings.

---Things to remember about her presentation:

- a) Meetings have to be open to public
- b) There must be a record of the meeting, either written or recorded
- c) There must be 24 hour notice minimum before each meeting
- d) Committees with less than 28 people use roll call method of voting
- e) Any conflict of interest has to be declared with the understanding that it may be challenged and may be required to vote
- f) We are a committee of seven which means that four makes a quorum
- g) No secret, private, written or proxy voting is allowed
- h) Public Records-Everything written during meetings is public record, includes all e-mails regarding DAC.

7. Euvalcree Presentation on Roberts Rules – to be continued next meeting.

8. Core Values Discussion:

Collaboration

Cooperation, Relationship Building

Advocacy

Empowerment

Commitment to those who don't have a voice

Empathy

Social Justice

Equality

Honesty

Fairness
Engagement
Inclusion

Cydney said she really likes the acronym CASE

9. **Oregon Long-Term Care Deputy Ombudsman Presentation** – Move to October Agenda

10. **Agenda Items for Next Meeting:** September 11, 2018

Roberts Rules - Euvalcree

Continue Values and Mission

Discuss Events (Mexican Independence Day)

Rodeo

Paul Cheney suggested that maybe each committee member go visit somewhere in their committee out of their comfort zone. Report back to committee.

Suggestions included Children’s Relief Nursery (Cydney Cooke), Witco (Janet Komoto), Boys and Girls Club, VFW (Paul Cheney), Nursing Home, Hope Pregnancy Center, Community in Action (Maria Romero), Veteran Advocates (Alfredo Rodriguez), American Legion, Oregon Food Bank, First Chapter Pantry,

11. **Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn made by Paul Cheney; seconded by Cydney Cooke

Adjourned at 6:58