

I. Call to Order

Members Present: Logan Devaney, Cait Hoffmann, Brittany Nevins, Alejandra Lopez

City Staff Present: Angela Aldieri, Elsie Goodrich

Guests Present: Jen Berger, Inclusion & Belonging liaison

Call to Order by: Elsie Goodrich

Meeting Start Time: 6:01pm

Minutes Recorded by: Cait Hoffmann

II. Public Comment

III. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Decision: Approved

Motion by: Logan Devaney

Second: Brittany Nevins

IV. City Council Liaison Update

City Council has been holding public meetings regarding short-term public art policy, parking amendments, TIFF balance reserve assignment to Abenaki garage, approved appointment of newest finance commission, Alejandra Lopez – new member. Daniel Harris, who was recently interviewed for the commission by council. Dan joined the meeting.

V. Inclusion & Belonging Commission Update

Still working on the friendship festival. The commission will be losing a few members so there are some changes. The commission is considering a review of the equity audit which was last done five years ago. They are considering revisiting the roles of the commission members as liaisons to other commissions.

VI. Discussion: Commission Role & Structure

We discussed the structure of the commission and went around did introductions. We have one new member and will have two new members joining next month so we discussed pushing the appointment of the commission officers until next month.

VII. Approve: Commission Officers

Motion by: Cait Hoffmann

Second: Brittany Nevins

Decision: Postpone the appointment of commission officers until next month

- A. Chair
- B. Vice Chair
- C. Secretary

VIII. Discussion: Community Engagement for Draft Comprehensive Plan Economic Vitality Goals & Objectives

City Staff has taken the Commission's feedback and has decided to restructure the plan. There will be fewer overarching goals and then action steps under each goal. There will be an open house on the economic vitality section on June 16th from 5pm-7pm at the Winooski Senior Center. The Commission has been asked to brainstorm possible ways to solicit feedback from the public. We discussed voting with sticky notes and allowing the public to write additional ideas on sticky notes. Jen also encouraged the city to create additional ways to solicit feedback that did not require attending the open house in person on June 16th. The commission discussed the importance of investing time and resources into gathering feedback on a plan that will largely impact how the City spends its money. We discussed short videos and postcards. Alejandra asked whether there was a plan to educate the community on what the plan entails so that the community feels empowered and informed to give feedback. Logan discussed the possibility of getting the school district involved and having children discuss what they want out of the community so that they can bring the information home to their parents and get more families involved. Angela informed us that the last day of school is tomorrow, but Brittany mentioned that the pool might be a good place to solicit feedback from children and families as well as the farmer's market. For next week, the Commission felt a large poster board with sticky notes was a good method. Brittany recommended a station when people walk in with someone who can provide context on what people are providing feedback on. Angela and Elsie mentioned that staffing can be challenging and Jen recommended that perhaps commission members could join a committee to help the city with these things.

IX. Other Business

X. Adjourn

Motion by: Cait Hoffmann

Second: Logan Devaney

Meeting End Time: 6:56pm