7/14/2026 - Minutes

I. **Call to Order**

Participants: Ray Coffey, Bryn Oakleaf, Justin Huizenga, Ravi Venkataram, Meredith Bushey, Courtney Blasius, Marielle Matthews, Razan, Dana, Carly

Meredith called to order at 5:35

II. **Public Comment**

III. **Approve Previous Meeting Minutes**

Courtney moved to approve previous meeting minutes, Marielle seconded.

IV. **Welcome and Introduction of New Members: Carly Schneider, Dana Howe**

Commissioners introduced themselves to the new SHCP commissioners

New commissioners

V. **Safe, Healthy, Connected People Commission Overview and Orientation**

Deputy Mayor Oakleaf gave an overview of what commissions do

1. Reviewed the charter for SHCP
2. Ideally this is a policy advisory group to city council
3. Reviewed the policy, priorities, and strategies document – its purpose and how to interpret it
4. Dep Mayor Oakleaf will follow up with an orientation slidedeck after checking in with Mayor Renner

VI. **Comprehensive Plan Rewrite Update and Review Draft Goals for Safe, Healthy, Connected People Chapter - Ravi Venkataraman, Director of City Planning**

Ray gave an orientation to the SHCP chapter of the 2019 Comprehensive Plan

Ravi gave an overview of what the Comprehensive Plan entails

1. Transportation, land use, emergency services, education, childcare, facilities
2. Current Plan went into effect in March 2019, will expire in March 2027
3. City has done a lot of public engagement over the last several years
4. Public can provide input on surveys on the city website for land use and economic vitality
5. Workshopped the vision statement
6. Workshopped the goals and actions
    - Purpose of goals and actions sections should be a 50 year vision – what do we want Winooski to look like in 50 years
    - Ravi feels like the bones of this plan are good

VII. **Inclusion and Belonging Commission Liaison Updates**

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VIII. City Council and City Staff Liaison Updates

Deputy Mayor Oakleaf gave updates from council

1. There are still several open seats across commissions – encourage others to apply
2. There's a Downtown Winooski Block Party event tomorrow evening at Rotary Park
3. There were updates to the ULUDR to minimize "the blank wall effect" where there are no windows or doors on the street facing side of a structure

Chief Huizenga said they're starting to dispatch all EMS calls, now they dispatch fire, police, and EMS under one roof

1. A couple open positions
2. There are renovations planned for this fall

Ray gave city staff updates

1. Sidra started as the Parks and Trails steward
2. Pool is great, busy, hot, there are still a few lifeguard positions available
3. Thrive was awarded a 5 star credential by the state

IX. Other Business

X. Adjourn

Dana made a motion to adjourn at 7:08pm.

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