



City of Twin Falls Diversity and Inclusion Committee

Wednesday, August 5, 2020, 4:00 PM

203 Main Avenue East

City Hall - City Council Overflow Room

MINUTES

Streamed on the City's website.

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Present: Richard Aldama, Liyah Babayan, Stephanie Nevarez, Alejandra Hernandez, Sergio Larios, Em English

Absent: Daniel Gardner

Guests: Syd Havard

Staff Present: City Manager Travis Rothweiler, Police Chief Craig Kingsbury, Recording Secretary Leila A. Sanchez

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER/CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Travis Rothweiler called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2) CONSENT CALENDAR

- a) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to approve the Wednesday, June 3, 2020, Diversity & Inclusion Committee Minutes.

MOTION:

Em English moved to approve the June 3, 2020, Diversity & Inclusion Committee Minutes. The motion was seconded by Alejandra Hernandez. Voice vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 0.

3) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

- a) **INFORMATIONAL:** Applications for Diversity and Inclusion Committee
By: Mandi Thompson, Assistant to the City Manager

Travis Rothweiler reported applications are on the City's website.

<https://www.tfid.org/FormCenter/City-Administration-2/Board-and-Commission-Application-Form-33>

Members may contact Travis Rothweiler or Mandi Thompson if interested in assisting in review of applications for the selection of members. Closing date is August 31, 2020. Committee appointments are scheduled for the first meeting in October.

- b) **DISCUSSION:** Police Initiatives
By: Craig Kingsbury, Police Chief

Travis Rothweiler stated Chief Kingsbury will discuss the different police initiatives in the areas of diversity and inclusion.

Chief Kingsbury reported that current events have changed the way policing is looked at America. He spoke

on the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery. As a community, it is fair to ask, what is the Twin Falls Police Department doing.

He spoke on the following.

TFPD's Use of Force Policy

City staff and TFPD currently reviewing the 8 Can't Wait Initiative

Lexipol Service to help devise the TFPD policy

TFPD Manual can be found on the City's website

Review of information received from the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs – Idaho Law Enforcement Summit currently held in July.

TFPD Community Connection Officers and liaisons. Building connections and partnerships with the community

Human Trafficking in Idaho

Policing in America classes held at Refugee Center

If any community member/group would like to meet with the TFPD as a whole or with him individually to please contact his office.

He invited the Diversity & Inclusion Committee to be part of the National Night Out Event to be held in October 6, 2020.

Committee discussion followed.

GSA Group at CSI and Mama Dragons Group

National Coming Out scheduled to be held on October 11, 2020

Small Town Pride Live video

Developing and building relationships with the refugee community

Transparency in policing and importance of hiring the right people

Statesman listing decertified officers in the State of Idaho

Recruiting individuals of diversified background to serve at the TFPD

Police report process

Annual report (City's website) tracks use of force.

Complaint process against an officer.

Discussion on defund the police movement

Crisis Management and Mental health

Use of de-escalation techniques

Travis Rothweiler stated letters of support for the Crisis Center of South-Central Idaho can be sent to the State of Idaho, 450 West State Street, Boise, ID 83702.

c) **DISCUSSION:** CDBG Engagement Strategy

By: Mandi Thompson, Assistant to the City Manager

Travis Rothweiler stated the city did not receive the level of citizen participation as anticipated. He also explained the CDBG Engagement Strategy process. Staff will continue to work with the consultants.

The Citizen Survey will be sent to 1,200 Twin Falls residents and the second survey will be opened up to the general community. The hope is to release information received by late August early September with results available in late October early November.

The City is partnering with the US Census to do the count and can be found on the City's website.

d) **DISCUSSION:** Listening Sessions and Community Feedback and COVID-19

By: Travis Rothweiler, City Manager

October 6 is National Night Out and will be held in various parks within the City. If the Committee is interested in participating, please contact him and Mandi Thompson.

Discussion followed on COVID 19

Dr. Joshua W. Kern, M.D., Vice President of Medical Affairs, St. Luke's Health System, speaks every Monday at the Twin Falls City Council regarding COVID 19.

The City has partnered with the Twin Falls School District in the purchasing of facemasks for students and providing masks to those in need. Staff continues to receive updates from Melody Bowyer, Region IV South Central Health District.

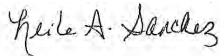
The City is not turning water off. Resource list is on the City's website.

e) **INFORMATIONAL:** Committee Member Updates

By: Mandi Thompson, Assistant to the City Manager

Travis will also contact Dr. Kern and Melody Bowyer to attend a future meeting.

4) **ADJOURNED AT 7:10 p.m.**



Leila A. Sanchez
Recording Secretary