



City of Twin Falls Diversity and Inclusion Committee

Thursday, September 2, 2021, 12:00 PM

203 Main Avenue East

City Hall - City Council Overflow Room

Members: Stephanie Nevarez, Alejandra Hernandez, Daniel Gardner, Em English, Syd Havard, Noemi Juarez, Yarit Rodriguez

- 1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER/CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM
- 2) CONSENT CALENDAR
 - a) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to approve the Thursday, July 1, 2021, Diversity & Inclusion Minutes
By: Leila A. Sanchez, Recording Secretary
- 3) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION
 - a) **DISCUSSION:** Upcoming Events
 - b) **DISCUSSION:** Update from LatinX/Refugee Workgroup
By: Committee
 - c) **DISCUSSION:** Update from LGBTQ+ Workgroup
By: Committee
- 4) ADJOURNMENT

Any person(s) needing special accommodations to participate in the above-noticed meeting could contact Leila Sanchez (208) 735-7287 at least two working days before the meeting. Si desea esta información en español, llame Leila Sanchez (208) 735-7287.

Public Input Procedures

1. Individuals wishing to provide public input regarding matters relevant to the City of Twin Falls shall:
 - Wait to be recognized by the Mayor or Chairman
 - Approach the microphone/podium
 - State their name, and whether they are a resident or property owner in the City of Twin Falls, and proceed with their input.
2. The Mayor or Chairman may limit input to no less than two (2) minutes. Individuals are not permitted to give their time to other speakers.

Public Hearing Procedures for Zoning Requests

1. Prior to opening the first Public Hearing of the session, the Mayor or Chairman shall review the public hearing procedures.
 2. Individuals wishing to testify or speak before the City Council or Planning & Zoning Commission shall wait to be recognized by the Mayor or Chairman, approach the microphone/podium, state their name, and then proceed with their comments. Following their statements, they shall write their name and address on the record sheet(s) provided by the staff. The staff shall make an audio recording of the Public Hearing.
 3. A City Staff Report shall summarize the application and history of the request.
 4. The Applicant, or the spokesperson for the Applicant, will make a presentation on the application/request (request). No changes to the request may be made by the applicant after the publication of the Notice of Public Hearing. The presentation should include the following:
 - A complete explanation and description of the request.
 - Why the request is being made.
 - Location of the Property.
 - Impacts on the surrounding properties and efforts to mitigate those impacts.
 5. Applicant is limited to 15 minutes, unless a written request for additional time is received, at least 72 hours prior to the hearing, and granted by the Mayor or Chairman.
 6. The City Council or Planning & Zoning Commission may ask questions of staff or the applicant pertaining to the request.
 7. The general public will then be given the opportunity to provide their testimony regarding the request. The Mayor or Chairman may limit public testimony to no less than two (2) minutes per person.
 - Individuals are not permitted to give their time to other speakers.
 - However, five (5) or more individuals that received written notice of the public hearing may appoint, by written petition, a spokesperson. The written petition must be received at least 72 hours prior to the hearing and must be granted by the Mayor or Chairman. The spokesperson shall be limited to 15 minutes.
 - Written comments, including e-mail, received by 12:00 p.m. on the date of the hearing shall be either read into the record or displayed to the public on the overhead projector.
 8. Following the Public Testimony, the applicant is permitted five (5) minutes to respond to Public Testimony.
 9. Following the Public Testimony and Applicant's response, Council or Commission members, as recognized by the Mayor or Chairman, shall be allowed to question the Applicant, Staff or anyone who has testified. Responses shall be limited to answering the questions asked. The Mayor or Chairman may limit the time permitted for the answer.
 10. The Mayor or Chairman shall close the Public Hearing. The City Council or Planning & Zoning Commission shall deliberate on the request. Deliberations and decisions shall be based upon the information and testimony provided during the Public Hearing. Once the Public Hearing is closed, additional testimony from the staff, applicant or public is not allowed. Legal or procedural questions may be directed to the City Attorney.
- * Any person not conforming to the above rules may be prohibited from speaking. Persons refusing to comply with such prohibitions may be asked to leave the hearing and, thereafter removed from the room by order of the Mayor or Chairman.



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MINUTES

*****For a full account of this meeting please visit tfid.org for the recording of this meeting*****

Members Present: Stephanie Nevarez, Alejandra Hernandez, Daniel Gardner, Em English, Syd Havard, Noemi Juarez,

Absent: Yarit Rodriguez

Staff Present: Deputy City Manager Mitch Humble, Chief of Police Craig Kingsbury, Recording Secretary Leila A. Sanchez

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER/CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Mitch Humble called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm.

The Diversity & Inclusion Committee will meet the first Thursday of every month from 12 to 1. Lunch will be provided.

2) CONSENT CALENDAR

a) **ACTION ITEM:** Request to approve the Wednesday, May 19, 2021, Diversity & Inclusion Minutes

By: Leila A. Sanchez, Recording Secretary

MOTION:

Em English moved to approve the May 19, 2021, Diversity & Inclusion Committee Minutes.

Stephanie Nevarez seconded the motion. Voice vote showed all members present voted in favor of the motion. Approved 6 to 0.

3) ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

a) **DISCUSSION:** Upcoming Events

Em English reported on upcoming Southern Idaho Pride events.

- Tuesday, July 27th, Skateland – Southern Idaho Pride Skate Night from 6 – 8 pm. All are welcome to attend and free to the public.
- Wednesday, July 28th, 20 minute documentary Stonewall Forever - A Documentary about the Past, Present and Future of Pride. The event will be held at the College of Southern Idaho Room 276 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm.

- Thursday, July 29th, screening of 80's movie. All are invited to dress up. The event will be held at Magic Valley Cinemas and Time to be determined.
- Friday – No events planned.
- Saturday, Southern Idaho Pride Event to be held at the City Park 10 to 4 pm.

Overview of committee discussion.

The committee will have a table set up at the City Park. Members to sign up for times to assist in manning the table.

10 to 12 pm
 12 to 2 pm
 2 to 4 pm

D & I brochures and water will be disbursed at the event. Em will have additional swag.

To update brochures new members Noemi and Yarit to meet with Josh Palmer for pictures.

Following are the four questions asked at the listening session held at the La Posada. Questions will be submitted to Em, moderator for the event, for review for the Wednesday, July 28th, 20 minute documentary *Stonewall Past, Present and Future*.

- Question 1: Based on your experience what is life like in Twin Falls?
- Question 2: What challenges have you experienced living in Twin Falls?
- Question 3: What day to day challenges have you experienced with peer groups or individuals?
- Question 4: Is there anything the city can do better?

Syd Harvard discussed police presence at the event and how it may impact individuals attending.

Craig Kingsbury explained because a beer garden will be set up in the park two uniformed police officer are required to be present.

Syd Harvard will be meeting with the Board of Directors to discuss the beer garden.

Discussion followed on The Blue Line and Black Lives Matter events and the Twin Falls Police Department's participation.

b) **DISCUSSION:** Update from LatinX/Refugee Workgroup

By: Alejandra Hernandez

c) **DISCUSSION:** Update from LGBTQ+ Workgroup

By: Em English

4) **ADJOURNMENT**

Prior to adjournment, Daniel Gardner announced he will be resigning at the end of summer.

Adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Leila A. Sanchez, Recording Secretary