

**Human Rights, Inclusion and Engagement Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2019**

Commissioners Present: Chair Cat Beltmann, Etienne Djevi, Richard James, Grace Lee, Kathryn Macomber, and Lauren Peterson.

Youth Commissioners: Acer Iverson

Commissioners Absent: Commissioners Keith Allen, Monica Bolinger, Ahmed Hassan, Youth Commissioner Elizabeth Hansel (excused)

Staff Present: Rebecca Olson, Assistant City Manager

Call to Order/Roll Call

The Human Rights, Inclusion, and Engagement Commission (HRIEC) meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m.

Approve Agenda

Commissioner Peterson moved and Commissioner Macomber seconded a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Oath of Office

Chair Beltmann administered the Oath of Office to Richard James.

Public Comment on Items Not on Agenda

None

Approve Minutes

a. June 12, 2019 Human Rights, Inclusion and Engagement Commission

Commissioner Macomber indicated on page 11, line 579 and line 586 the name of the film is “Coco”. Page 17, line 763, she had asked whether American Indian rather than Native Americans is the preferred description.

Commissioner Peterson moved and Commissioner Djevi seconded a motion to approve the June 12, 2019 Human Rights, Inclusion and Engagement Commission meeting minutes as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Youth Commissioner Report

Youth Commissioner Iverson reported this is his last meeting. He thanked the Commission for the last two years with the Commission. He noted he gave the Commission his notes on the Book Club Committee.

Commissioner Peterson presented a certificate and thank you card to Youth Commissioner Iverson. She thanked Youth Commissioner Iverson for all his hard work and giving his opinion over the past two years.

Commissioner Lee arrived at 6:43 p.m.

Ms. Olson stated from a staff perspective it was great working with Youth Commissioner Iverson and wished him the best of luck.

New Business

a. Parade Debrief

Commissioner Peterson indicated this year the HRIEC chose to engage all of the Commissions in walking in the parade with the Commission. There was a great turnout from all of the Commissions. She noted the T-shirts for the parade this year was tie-dye in trying to highlight the LGBTQIA+ month. There were a couple of members from the community that either identify or support that group that were at the parade. She thought overall it went pretty well.

Ms. Olson noted from a staff perspective, she heard positive feedback on the number of Commissioners that attended and comments from the community that it was a really good showing. She thanked Commissioner Peterson for all her good work and for attending all of the meetings.

Chair Beltmann thought the turnout was awesome and loved the tie-dyed shirts which stood out. She thought the idea of tying marching in the parade with something that is going on was a really good idea as a way to highlight that but the Commission could have done more with more time in terms of getting more turn out and also making it more clear what the Commission was doing. She did not think people understood what the Commission was trying to do. The other thing was two years in a row the candy ran out so something to consider for next year is to stage tossing out the candy so maybe having each Commission distribute the candy at different points in the parade route. She thought the Commission could do a better job of dispersing the candy.

Commissioner Djevi thanked Commissioner Peterson for all the work she put into the parade and the organization. It showed engagement of the City of Roseville with the public.

Commissioner James asked what the purpose was of the parade and if there was a committee that works on the parade planning.

Commissioner Peterson explained the Roseville parade is a part of Rosefest and there is a separate parade committee that coordinates all of the parade entries and the HRIEC always has a parade spot and tends to include all of the Commissions with that. She noted she took the lead for this Commission.

Commissioner Djevi explained this year, the Commission decided to incorporate Pride month into the parade and invited the community to engage in the process.

Ms. Olson indicated she was hoping to get on the calendar for future agenda items was when the Commission wants to start talking about planning for the 2020 parade, so it is set and built into the work plan.

Commissioner Peterson suggested January or February 2020 to start discussion on parade planning.

Chair Beltmann suggested January or February for starting to plan and to continue to highlight LGBTQIA+ month.

Commissioner Djevi explained another idea he has proposed a number of times is having a diversity group of people walk together in the parade. He thought by doing that it would reach out to a broader community.

Ms. Olson noted there has also been discussion regarding how to get more diverse groups in general involved in the parade which could be included as well.

Commissioner Peterson explained she is on the Parade Committee separate from this and is something she is trying to engage that group in on how it can be more inclusive and including groups that are not typically represented.

Chair Beltmann asked what the timeline is for the parade planning. She wondered if the Commission could discuss this in March.

Commissioner Peterson indicated March would be too late. She indicated most entries are already chosen. She noted the band piece is decided in September, which is very early. The actual parade entries open in February or March and is closed when it fills up.

b. Hispanic Heritage Programming Discussion

Commissioner Djevi reviewed the Hispanic Heritage Month programming and the previous work done.

Ms. Olson thought this programming is well laid out and is scheduled for review with the City Council on Monday, July 22nd and hoped Commissioner Djevi and some of the Commission could be there to discuss. She noted the City Council might have

input on the budget for this and might be a good question for them to ask. Getting the Council's feedback on the project would be great and then work with staff on getting some of the logistics worked out after that meeting.

Commissioner James asked if the food trucks would have to pay a fee to participate so to help offset any expenses perhaps there could be a fee.

Ms. Olson thought once the Commission got City Council direction those are some of the things to discuss further.

Commissioner James asked what the purpose of the information booth would be.

Commissioner Djevi explained what the information booth would be useful for at the event.

Ms. Olson indicated the information that will be available is in both English and Spanish.

Commissioner James thought it would also be an opportunity to let the Hispanic Community know what is here. Even promoting the HRIEC because he thought that even the people going to the event would not have a lot of background of what is offered in Roseville and what the City of Roseville has.

Commissioner Djevi noted the date for the event would be October 5th.

Commissioner Lee thought if there would be an information table there could be one for Parks and Recreation as well.

Commissioner Macomber thought another thing that could be added is the Fire Departments "Close Before You Doze" campaign along with the census people, if ready. Even just to get the idea that there is a census coming.

Chair Beltmann thought this will attract a lot of families and thinking more broadly on focusing on who the audience will be there and what other information that will be of interest to them.

Commissioner Peterson thought it would be a good idea to meet with the Parks and Recreation Commission because that Commission already does the movie nights.

Ms. Olson stated that idea has been put out to the Commission already and she thought talking with the Park and Recreation Commission as well as the staff would be a good idea.

Commissioner Peterson thought the Parks and Recreation Commission might even be able to assist this Commission on the event.

Commissioner Djevi indicated he would be fine if the Park and Recreation Commission would want to take the lead on showing the movie.

Chair Beltmann asked if there was a reason why Central Park was chosen over the OVAL.

Commissioner Djevi explained Central Park is open and closer to where most of the people live, especially from the mobile home.

Chair Beltmann wondered if there was discussion of doing everything at the OVAL.

Commissioner Djevi indicated there was not. Most preferred the park. He noted that if it is feasible, he would want this to be something the Committee wants.

Commissioner Macomber thought Central Park was easily accessible by foot with kids more so than the OVAL. She wondered if someone could look back at the weather to see what it is usually like during that week and if there could be a backup plan for using one of the big shelters if needed.

Chair Beltmann indicated the nice thing about the OVAL is that it is contained and having small kids in there to watch a movie is awesome. She did agree that this event needs to be where the community is comfortable going or advocating for and makes the most sense.

Chair Beltmann indicated she did look at the weather and reviewed that with the Commission. She thought the Commission could check with the Parks and Recreation Commission to see if there would be a possibility of doing bon fires or having fires out for warmth. She noted Sala Del Sol is a great band, if looking for suggestions. She also indicated there is a food truck association if needing food truck recommendations or information. She also believed there is a Hispanic Chamber of Commerce if anyone needed any additional information or recommendations.

Ms. Olson stated she could also reach out to other communities to see if their events have had any Hispanic bands that can be passed onto this Commission.

Commissioner Peterson thought this is going to be a big event so using as many resources as available will be helpful for planning.

Ms. Olson noted the City of Roseville has guidance on signage and she will pass that along to the Commission because the city has to follow its own rules when it comes to signage. The Commission needs to make sure the City Council is onboard with any signage that will be used to direct people to the event.

Chair Beltmann suggested having subtitles on the movie as well.

Chair Beltmann indicated she would be at the City Council meeting to present this item because Commissioner Djevi indicated he could not be at the meeting.

Ms. Olson indicated there could be a discussion at the next meeting regarding funding if this event goes above the HRIEC budget.

Commissioner Peterson thought the Commission should try to get on the Parks and Recreation Commission's next agenda in order to discuss this item and move forward in planning.

Commissioner Lee thought the groups that Commissioner Djevi is working with from the Hispanic community might want to have information tables there as well.

Ms. Olson thought the one thing that might be helpful, but not sure if it would fit with the spirit of it, would be to have information that is culturally relevant for those people who might not be Hispanic but want to learn more about some aspect.

Commissioner Djevi noted the library has a lot of books that people can rent as well.

Commissioner Lee thought the library could come and have books specific to Hispanic culture.

Commissioner James wondered if there would be a way for the schools to promote this event as well.

Ms. Olson thought there was to an extent and some relationships with the cultural liaisons as the schools already. She thought if Council is on board with doing some sort of programming, she thought the next step is getting all of the stakeholders to start meeting and deciding who will be in charge of what areas of the event. She thought there will need to be a lot of work done from the Commission to supplement the work that staff does as well.

Commissioner James indicated he would be up to volunteering to help if Commissioner Djevi and Commissioner Bolinger need help as well.

c. 2019-20 Essay Contest Question Discussion

Chair Beltmann reviewed the background of the Essay Contest Question with the new Commissioners.

Chair Beltmann asked for comments on the 4 possible essay topics: Gun Violence or School Shootings and Safety; Privacy and Information on the Internet; Mental Health Affects on Social Media and Patriotism, What does it mean to be a good community member. She indicated the hope for this meeting is to select one topic to draft a question on.

Ms. Olson explained from a staff perspective, what she would like to have from this meeting is to have the topic identified and at least some draft concept of a question. One of the things she would like to do is once the Commission has that question sort of identified to run it through the City Communications Department to make sure it is grammatically correct and all the communication pieces fit in and then it can be brought back for final approval at the August meeting and then once that is done staff can get packets ready to send out to the principals and teachers at the beginning of the school year.

Chair Beltmann stated one of the things she found obvious in reading last years essays was that the older students essays stood out because the students were older and had more years of writing. She wondered if it was possible to consider judging the essays based on grade and selecting the top from each grade.

Commissioner Peterson indicated that could be done.

Commissioner James explained he taught middle school and there is a dramatic difference between the sophistication of writing skills between grades. He thought breaking it down would probably be better and encourage more students to continue to participate.

Ms. Olson knew in the past there has been some discussion on making the rules clearer. There has been some discussion on including more information under the rules.

Youth Commissioner Iverson thought the big issue is that the rubric is not provided to the students, so the students are not aware of what the Commission is looking and judging for. He thought it would be helpful to give that rubric to the teachers to give to the students participating to help them.

Commissioner Peterson thought that could be provided.

Commissioner James thought that would be a great idea because the more information the student gets, the better focus the essay will have on the question.

Chair Beltmann asked if any Commissioner liked one of the topics in particular.

Youth Commissioner Iverson indicated for the Privacy Information, he liked number five in there and the Commission could discuss and include other parts but stands out on its own and is probably the best one. He indicated for the Good Community Member, there are a couple of lines from all three questions that would make a really good question put together. He noted it could talk about how you would define patriotism, what makes a good citizen and then talking about "Is being a good

community member the same thing as being a Patriot” and then also asking how to engage young people in the community.

Commissioner James thought focusing on the internet and the community citizen thing is more appropriate for this age group and because this is an engagement committee that should be a major part of what the Commission is looking for. He thought the question should be phrased to get information from the student about inclusion and engagement with the community and not just a general topic like “What is Patriotism”, which is all and good but if this Commission is sponsoring the question it should have something to do with engagement and inclusion. He thought all of those things should be a major part of how the question is phrased.

Chair Beltmann agreed with Youth Commissioner Iverson and liked question five under social media. She indicated she liked what the questions under the Community Member topic was going for and felt like Patriotism was really charged right now and was not sure that was something the Commission wanted to get into. She also did not think the word citizen should be used, whether it is capitalized or not because she thought right now that specific term is really charged and not something the Commission wants to get at as more of being a community member then a citizen. She wanted to make sure the Commission is being inclusive in how the questions are being asked so people are not being turned off.

Commissioner Peterson thought the social media topic will get more answers and responses because what middle schooler doesn't use social media. She thought there would be more engagement in that questions because of it being that question. She indicated she was also partial to question five as well.

Youth Commissioner Iverson stated when he did the essay question, it was a part of their social studies curriculum and tied back to the universal declaration of human rights and so this year the Commission is kind of branching away from total human rights. He wondered if that will reduce the number of teachers that will want to have students enter the contest or not. He wondered if this should be targeted towards English teachers instead.

Commissioner Peterson agreed.

Ms. Olson indicated from a staff perspective, that was going to be her comment as well. Staff's contacts for the essay contest have typically been social study teachers and principals and the ones that do it, kind of anticipate it year after year.

Commissioner Peterson thought this would be a little bit of a departure from the Commission's historical questions.

Commissioner Lee thought maybe it could be worded such as “How can Social Media be used to make our Communities Society more Inclusive and Engaging”, that would tie in social media but for the sake of the common good and society.

Commissioner James stated two similar questions he wrote were How to Encourage a Diverse Community to interact and how Social Media can be used to bring the whole Community closer together. He thought that fits fine into what the Commission is doing and helps students learn where they fit into society and how they fit best into society, not just what historically happened. He thought that would all fit into this and he would support that.

Youth Commissioner Iverson thought the Commission should include a form for teachers asking for feedback when submitting the student’s applications because that will give a better indication to the Commission of what the teachers want to teach the students.

The Commission liked that idea.

Chair Beltmann asked if the Commission wanted to go with question five, could it be floated out to the teachers beforehand to see if that would be something the teachers would want as a question.

Ms. Olson explained that could be done but typically the response is typically pretty low at that time of the year because the teachers are trying to get their curriculum and classroom setup and do not have a lot of lead time either. She suggested if the Commission wanted to float those ideas out to do it before the end of the school year and give the teacher the summer to respond.

Chair Beltmann suggested the Commission focus on the possible question and if the Commission wants to move forward with question five or merging the two topics of Community Engagement plus Social Media.

Youth Commissioner Iverson indicated he would like to merge them.

Commissioner James thought by merging the two topics it would bring the student to discussing how it has involved them and included them, what does the student think and what is their experience and how can society make this better.

Commissioner Peterson thought with every essay contest the Commission tries to get the students point of view and their experiences.

Chair Beltmann entertained any Commissioners ideas for question wording.

Commissioner Macomber explained when the Commission was talking about the Good Community Member section there was a suggestion on how to engage young

people in civic and public life and she thought that question pulled into how social media could, would social media engage them.

Commissioner James thought it was similar to item two under Good Community Member.

Chair Beltmann suggested taking a break in the meeting to review the questions.

Recess

Chair Beltmann recessed the meeting at approximately 7:51 p.m., and reconvened at approximately 7:57 p.m.

Chair Beltmann asked the Commission for suggestions on question wording.

Commissioner James noted he would start by stating “Social Media and the Internet are growing presence from among young people in our lives. Social media can be used in both positive and negative ways. Discuss the role of social media in our lives ~~society~~ and what role it plays among young people you and your friends. Addressing both negative and positive aspects.” ~~What ways can social media be improved? What ways should social media be restricted?”~~ “How can Social Media be used to help diverse communities interact in Roseville”, or something of that nature.

Commissioner James indicated he would leave off the last two parts of that question because he thought that was more of a policy item and not something that the student would have much influence over.

Commissioner Lee indicated on the last addition maybe word it like “Help Roseville be more inclusive and engaging for all residents”.

Youth Commissioner Iverson indicated for the second line he removed “Social Media can use a both positive and negative aspects.” because he thought it was a little wordy and then added “How can Social Media be used to increase Community Engagement and interaction.” but he liked Commissioner James version better.

Commissioner Djevi thought the word Roseville should not be used because there are kids that live in other cities that go to the Roseville schools.

Commissioner James state the word Roseville could be changed to Community.

Ms. Olson reviewed the question with the Commission. “Social Media and the Internet are growing presence in our lives. Discuss the role of social media in our lives and what role it plays among you and your friends. Address both negative and positive aspects. How can Social Media be used to help your community be more inclusive and engaging for all residents.”

The Commission liked the question presented.

Commissioner Lee thought instead of “your community” to insert the word “Roseville”.

Chair Beltmann indicated not every student that goes to Roseville schools’ lives in Roseville.

Commissioner James suggested changing the wording to “our communities” and thought it was pretty inclusive.

The Commission agreed.

Chair Beltmann asked if the Commission needed to address “both positive and negative aspects” because she felt like it did not fit anymore with what was added on in terms of the last piece. She also would like to re-add “society” for community instead of “lives” because she did not want it to get lost. She thought life sounded more internal and the Commission wants the students to think more outside of themselves.

Chair Beltmann indicated she would change the question to read “Social Media and the Internet are growing presence in our lives. Discuss the role of social media in our lives- communities and what role it plays among you and your friends. ~~Address both negative and positive aspects.~~ How can Social Media be used to help your community be more inclusive and engaging for all residents.”

Ms. Olson thought the sentence “Address both negative and positive aspects”, should be left in because it will help with the rubric and will be another scoring factor that can be used and gets the student to think both positively and negatively on social media.

Commissioner James thought that was a good point.

Chair Beltmann thought if that sentence were removed, there is still the sentence about how social media can help build a more inclusive community and thought the next sentence could be “How could it help to divide the community” or “create division within the community”. She thought those two specific questions could be asked instead and would be more specific about what the Commission is wanting about community involvement versus positive and negative.

Commissioner Peterson thought the more snippets of questions put in is very helpful for the rubric.

Ms. Olson stated she would get in touch with the Communications staff to try to define the question and bring it back to the Commission for further discussion. She noted the other point to Youth Commissioner Iverson's comment of getting the rubric together to be included with the packet to the teachers so the teachers know how to teach the concept of it and would want to have at the August meeting as well. She noted she could do a draft rubric based on what was done last year unless the Commission wanted a couple of Commissioners do that and bring back to the August meeting.

The Commission felt comfortable with Ms. Olson drafting the rubric.

Ms. Olson reread the amended question for the Commission.

“Social Media and the Internet are growing presence in our lives. Discuss the role of social media in our communities and what role it plays among you and your friends. How can Social Media be used to divide out community. How can Social Media be used to help your community be more inclusive and engaging for all residents.”

The Commission thought it was a good start and can be revised at the August meeting.

d. Engagement Project Next Steps Discussion

Chair Beltmann updated the Commission on the Engagement Project with the Commission. She indicated Commissioner Macomber and herself were working on the Best Practice document and Commissioners Djevi and Lee are working on the contact list.

Commissioner Djevi updated the Commission on the contact list. He indicated he checked around the community for names and did get some names, but he has not reached out to the people yet to see if those individuals were ok with the City of Roseville having their name and information on the website. He asked if he was allowed to do that.

Ms. Olson indicated that could be done.

Commissioner Lee asked if the contacts will be on the website because she thought it was just a collection of contacts.

Ms. Olson noted the Commission is only collecting information for a list however with information that is collected, it is public.

Commissioner Lee explained the information she has received so far can also be found on the internet, so it is public already and did not think permission was needed.

Ms. Olson indicated that was correct but if it is an individual name, she would get their permission.

Chair Beltmann thought as a rule of thumb, individuals should be checked with first before providing their information and then anything that is connected to an organization is already public information and can just be added to the list.

Ms. Olson stated she started a list in the HRIEC google drive and has included several contacts she knows of that are all public entities, along with a focus.

e. Close Before You Doze Outreach Discussion

Chair Beltmann summarized that the Roseville Fire Department is looking to implement a new initiative for the community called Close before you Doze. As the Fire Department is beginning to develop this initiative, the Fire Department is hoping to receive some recommendations, input, or feedback from the HRIEC regarding the best way to inform non-English speaking residents in this campaign.

Ms. Olson noted there was a conversation at the last meeting about where some of the calls for smoke or alarms were sounding and Battalion Chief Halvorson sent her a lot of information and she worked with the City GIS Staff to put together a map that highlights where the calls were. She showed the map to the Commission and reviewed the information with the Commission.

Ms. Olson indicated the Commission may want to look at how the Commission may be able to target the people in the areas that are higher risk. She noted the Fire Department has ordered some of the swag already and are working on that first piece. The City of Roseville will have an article in the newsletter that talks about this. She indicated what Battalion Chief Halvorson was hoping to do was get some feedback on “Train the Trainer” concept of bringing community members in that can help within the community to share this message.

Commissioner Peterson indicated the SE portion of Roseville is heavily immigrant population and one thing that in the past worked really well with engaging them was Parks and Rec did a bouncy house there for Marion Park and there were a lot of families there. She agreed with Train the Trainer and meeting them where the population is at is really important. She thought presence at events was really important as well.

Commissioner Macomber did not see anything that talks about faith based so even inserts in bulletins or classes would be helpful.

Chair Beltmann indicated the lower SE corner of Roseville is along the Rice/Larpenteur corridor and thought there might be some opportunity with some of the businesses there.

Commissioner Lee noted the Fire Department, in the past, have had events with their fire truck in the cul-de-sac where the Marion Street Brittany Apartments are and should do something like that again because a lot of people turned out for that.

Ms. Olson thought the Fire Department was looking for ways to identify people who want to participate in Train the Trainer.

Commissioner Peterson thought the Rice Street gardens pulls a fair amount from those apartments and have a meeting every month. She noted she planned on being at the August 10th meeting if someone from the Fire Department wanted to be there, that would be a great place to meet some community members.

Commissioner Djevi wondered if the Commission wanted to take a part in this and identify people from different areas within the city.

Commissioner Lee indicated she lived in the NW corner and could work in that area.

The Commission reviewed different areas within Roseville for Train the Trainer opportunities.

Chair Beltmann thought a good opportunity would be at the library having some programming in the children's reading area because those seem to be attended by a fairly diverse group of people with families of young children.

Commissioner Macomber thought the school system is also a great place.

Chair Beltmann noted at Kindergarten screening everyone gets a bag of stuff and could be another opportunity to get material or something out.

Commissioner James suggested getting information out during fire safety week in the schools as well. He strongly suggested having the Fire Department make presentations in the schools as well because that will reach the largest number of people in the community.

Ms. Olson explained Train the Trainer ties into some of the city's best practices that are in place and there are some specific communities where information can be shared but maybe is received in a different manner if it comes from a trusted source.

Commissioner Djevi noticed 6-8 clusters on the map and given that the entire city should be educated on the issue, these are the areas of higher risk so finding trainers to be trained should be something the Commission tries to work on.

Commissioner James noted focusing on people who are representing or are in the cluster areas. He thought that makes the most sense.

Commissioner Djevi wondered if the Commission decides to take on finding trainers then how should it be done because SE Roseville is already taken care of and Commissioner Lee is going to work on the NW corner what Commissioners want to work on the rest.

Commissioner Peterson thought contacting the apartment managers is really important. What the response rate is she does not know.

Chair Beltmann felt there were to focuses that the Commission could recommend and while she agreed that focusing on finding people who live at each specific community where there are hot spots could be helpful, she thought there are some blanket, kind of passive ways that the Fire Department can get the information out. She thought if the Fire Department was looking at Train the Trainers it was more important to have people who are culturally appropriate to be Train the Trainer versus come from a particular hot spot area. She thought if the Commission could try to find community leaders within different segments that might be able to go to these different places to meet people and might be more helpful than trying to find people who meet the different demographic needs of each area.

Commissioner Macomber thought another thing that might be helpful is identifying the responsibility and time commitment of a Train the Trainer. What does that really mean.

Ms. Olson was not sure if the Fire Department had that information yet.

Chair Beltmann thought the Fire Department was looking more for ambassadors and will not be a sit down, walk through it item, it is more like show up to community events and help spread the information throughout the community.

Commissioner Peterson agreed.

Ms. Olson thought if there are people that the Commission can identify within culturally relevant groups that might be interested in being an ambassador this could be just one of many things that person could then share within their community.

Commissioners Lee and Macomber wondered if Roseville could have official ambassadors and maybe have a certificate that makes it sort of official.

Ms. Olson thought Minneapolis had a program like that at some point but was not sure if it was still around.

Chair Beltmann noted this goes back to the Engagement Program and fits with the whole reason why the Commission is putting together the list of Community Contacts. She thought the City Council gave direction at the Joint meeting that it is ok to build up that list and if there are contact the Commission has then it is ok to

build up those relationships. She thought one of the next steps for a future meeting is to talk about if the Commission wants to identify what an ambassador role looks like and not make it too formal but have some definition around what an ambassador role looks like.

Ms. Olson indicated she would bring back the ideas the Commission talked about to the next meeting.

Other New Business or Reports

Ms. Olson indicated the City Council met with the PWEC Commission and that Commission was interested in adding a Youth Commissioner to their Commission. The Park and Recreation Youth Commissioner just recently finished their term as well. Staff is holding off until the PWEC Commission has their discussion to continue advertising for Youth Commissioners. She explained the other piece that was brought to her attention is to highlight the fact that this is a resume builder and might attract more youth to apply.

Ms. Olson noted in regard to the Census the City of Roseville will be having a table at Family Night Out on August 5th at Central Park with at least one staff member and someone from the Census to assist with sharing information. She indicated staff is looking for volunteers to stop by and help out. She noted staff is also looking for somebody who might want to help out that speaks Spanish and/or Somali because those are two groups that have been identified to share more information with.

Ms. Olson noted on September 5th there will be a Census community meeting at the Ramsey County Library that Roseville will be heading up.

Chair Beltmann indicated she cannot be at these events but would be happy to help spread the word.

Commissioner Djevi asked if a field trip could be planned for Rice Street Garden for the Commission.

Commissioner Peterson thought that would be ok but would need to be noticed if a quorum went.

Chair Beltmann indicated she would be up for it but wondered why Commissioner Djevi wanted to do this.

Commissioner Djevi explained he would like to get to know some of the folks that the Commission talks about.

Commissioner Peterson indicated the clinic she is working for is doing events in conjunction with Rice Street Gardens. She noted the clinic is trying to engage under-represented groups in healthcare. She was open to everyone who wants to join. She noted the event is August 10th from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

Chair Beltmann indicated she would like to send out a survey to the Commission to find out where interest lie and what the Commissioners are compassionate about which will be helpful for the Best Practices and Community Outreach.

Commissioner Macomber indicated she is working on the Hispanic Heritage Month display case for September. She noted she was meeting with Afrin the first week in August and will have an update for the August meeting.

Announcements

Future Agenda Items

- a. Parade planning in January/February
- b. Essay Contest Question and Rubric
- c. Best Practice Report Update
- d. Park and Recreation Commission coordination

Adjournment

Chair Beltmann adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Osbeck

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