

# Civic Engagement Commission Regular Meeting Notes

11/02/2022

Attendees: Alison Coombs, (Aurora City Council Member, Ward IV), David Corbari (Treasurer), Sean Moore (Chair), Ama Hapke Rosen (Vice Chair), Mattye Sisk (City Staff), Johnathan Harris (City Staff) and Andrew Rael Y Trujillo (City Staff)

Absent Commissioners: Debi Hunter Holen (Parliamentarian) and Kelli Kelly (2<sup>nd</sup> Chair)

Meeting Purpose and Objectives: Provide recommendations to Council and City management regarding the development and implementation of civic engagement programs, which may include recommendations regarding best practices for outreach and education. Recommend to Council new initiatives to support and partner with community –based organizations, institutions and civic leaders in the public and private sectors in their civic engagement efforts. Coordinate with Council Members, community boards, and other City agencies in the development and implantation of civic engagement programs. Work with City staff and Council to plan and implement a Civic Engagement Academy.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** 605 by Chair Moore

2. **ROLL CALL/ICE BREAKER**

Chair Moore opened up the meeting with a discussion around Halloween and everyone's weekend. Commissioners, City Staff, City Council Member Combs shared their weekend. Corbari discussed how his area is not as walkable.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Comments from the Public.

Discussion regarding Budget Cuts presented by City Council initiated by Chair Moore. City Council Member Combs responded. Discussed Consent decree and Police Monitoring funding, DEI Disparity Study, and Occupational Privilege Tax. City Council Member Combs will share pertinent contact information with the Commission.

4. **COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

This will be added as an agenda item for future sessions, as per Chair Moore  
Chair Moore asked if we could show up at events in the future to gain more understand of community and spread awareness of commission. Also said Ward I biggest issue is crime and would like to see what we can do around this.

Hapke Rosen talked about vehicle and mail theft in Ward 4.

Corbari discussed property crime, mail theft, CHEP Program, scams, and water issues as problems for his area (Ward 4).

5. **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT ACADEMY GENERAL DISCUSSION**

*This item was tabled to be discussed during the next study session.*

## **6. BYLAWS**

Suggested changes by Jim Joyce were read and Commissioners reviewed changes and drafted new language to align with those.

Article 5, Section G: Chair Moore moved to make changes as read. Corbari seconded. All in Favor (3), 2 not present.

Article 5, Section J & I: Chair More moved to make changes as read for Section J and strike Section I. Hapke Rosen seconded. All in Favor (3), 2 not present.

Article 7, Section D & E. Hapke Rosen moved to make changes as read for section D and remove Section E. Corbari seconds. All in Favor (3), 2 not present.

Hapke Rosen moved to remove the redundant residency requirement (as per Joyce suggestion). Corbari second. All in Favor (3), 2 not present.

*Commissioner Positions Item was tabled to be discussed during the next study session.*

## **7. POLICE CHIEF SEARCH – REQUEST TO HR**

*This item was tabled to be discussed during the next study session.*

## **8. CIVIC ENGAGEMENT ACADEMY GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Chair Moore would like to see more people involved. New tools to reach folks. Talk to APS, Influential groups.

Hapke Rosen would like more empowerment of graduated and opportunities to reach out within the community.

## **9. GROUP DISCUSSION - Ideas for Focus Areas, New Initiatives, and Next Meeting**

- Changes to meeting schedule were discussed. December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting will be virtual and the December study session will be cancelled.
- Corbari would like to see a community scholarship established. Commission discussed.
- Chair Moore initiated a discussion on how we can begin to engage with intuitions and pressed for credential for the Commissioners to help facilitate this.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT** by Chair Moore at 8:03pm