



**COMMUNITY DIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 15, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairperson Karr called to order the Community Diversity Advisory Committee Meeting of February 15, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Committee Members present included: Heather Karr, Steve Hrytzik, Dustin Sun, Robert Davis, Dee Miller and Elina Coyne. Taylor Brown appeared by Zoom. Mayor Daniel Swartwout and Melissa Hindman, Parks & Recreation Manager, were also present.

Chairperson Karr began by turning the floor over to Mayor Swartwout for the swearing in of CDAC Members Robert Davis, Dee Miller and Elina Coyne.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Community Diversity Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2023, were approved by consensus.

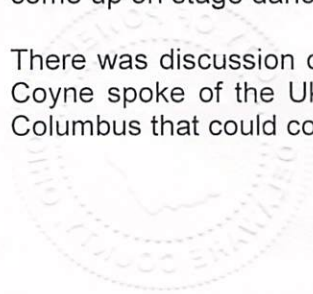
TODAY'S BUSINESS

Chairperson Karr turned the floor over to Ryan Ault, appearing by Zoom, to discuss the Powell Fest updates.

Mr. Ault spoke about moving forward with the event and changing it up. He added there are so many cultures in Powell that we are proud of, being a diverse City. He stated he believed moving forward, we have done a great job at showcasing diversity and different cultures in our community, but his whole thought process for this year's event and moving forward, is experiencing that culture. If there are groups, acts or vendors that are excited about sharing their culture, if there is a specific performance, let's have a crowd participation in an act or vendor in the event. He stated the act in the East Room last year was phenomenal, and wanted to make this a more interactive experience.

He gave examples of dancers coming into the audience and dancing with them, having volunteers come up on stage dancing or playing the drums, etc.

There was discussion of what could be designated for the East Room and Committee Member Coyne spoke of the Ukraine, and possibly bringing an organization she is aware of based in Columbus that could come in and show their culture and explaining who they are.



It was agreed by everyone that this would be a great idea and a great way to get community participation.

Taylor Brown also spoke of bringing the Youth Council in to help promote and see what avenues they have that could help with the event.

Entertainment was discussed and Mr. Ault stated he wanted a little more time to get things together and present it to the Committee. He added that he would be looking for inclusion and crowd participation.

The artwork was discussed and everyone agreed that from a branding standpoint, people could recognize it, and it was agreed to keep the artwork the same as last year.

Chairperson Karr then spoke about the Diversity and Inclusion Panel with the Powell Youth Council, stating it had previously been postponed, but provided an update. She added it has been tentatively rescheduled for March 13, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. and Parks & Recreation Manager Hindman is awaiting confirmation. She also advised, once confirmed, it would be displayed on the website.

Chairperson Karr spoke about the Powell Pride Event. Currently, it is scheduled for June 3, 2023, and the time has changed to 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. She also added there would be more entertainment on the stage. Parks & Recreation Manager Hindman stated the Symphony Orchestra Pride Section would be present with a smaller group and she is communicating with the Gay Men's Chorus.

Chairperson Karr spoke about some of the businesses doing a box lunch for the Powell Pride Event. There was discussion about flags as well as having t-shirts available. Also, having the restaurants have a Powell Pride Drink or dinner, etc.

FUTURE BUSINESS


Next scheduled meeting, April 19, 2023.


ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by consensus.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: April 19, 2023.

 4/19/23
Heather Karr, Date
Chair

 4/20/23
Amy Deere Date
City Clerk

