

CITY OF WARRENVILLE
INCLUSION, DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND AWARENESS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 7:00 pm
Warrenville City Hall Council Chambers
28W701 Stafford Place
Warrenville, IL 60555

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairperson Krischel.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Amy Krischel, Commissioners Megan Legler, Rachel Wood, and Tabitha Deno

ALSO PRESENT: Ex-Officio member Diana Abraham (WPLD); Staff Liaison Mariana Ochoa; Council Liaison Bill Weidner and Guest Speaker Carolyn Thompson-Training Systems

ABSENT: Commissioner Sarah Phalen, Robin Pelfrey, Allison Rojas; Ex-Officio members Joe Levy (WFPD), Matt Odom (Warrenville Park District), Limaris Pueyo; Staff Liaison Paula Krapf

C. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None.

D. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 20, 2023 MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Legler to approve the June 20, 2023 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wood. The motion was unanimously approved.

E. STAFF REPORT

1. Staff Liaison Ochoa shared that a representative of Little Friends will be attending the August IDEC meeting to provide information regarding Autism-friendly resources.
2. Staff Liaison Ochoa presented the newly revised Warrenville Police Department mission statement. The revisions include several items regarding DEI principles. All active duty officers have signed this mission statement and it is on display within the police station.

F. BUSINESS OF MEETING

1. **DISCUSSION OF NATIONAL NIGHT OUT - AUGUST 1, 2023**
 - Commissioners Attending: a sign-up sheet was distributed for Commissioners to choose their preferred time slot for attending the event.
 - Set Up and Take Down: Recommendations were given to arrive for set up between 4:00 pm and 4:30 pm due to crowding and limited parking spots.
2. **DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES (Carolyn Thompson-Training Systems)**
 - Carolyn Thompson presented options for DEI training, specifically focusing on

self-awareness. She was present to answer questions and help focus the goal of our search for City training. *Action item: Carolyn will send suggested vendors and synopsis of presented ideas to Chairperson Krischel and Staff Liaison Ochoa. Add to agenda for next meeting for review of available vendors and options.*

3. DISCUSSION DEI FALL SURVEY (ALL)

- Select Date: The Commission has requested that Staff Liaison Ochoa inquire if the DEI survey can be “closed” based on the number of surveys received, not a specific date; allowing the Commission to gather a viable sample of the community over a longer period. *Action item: Add to August agenda for review of the response.*
- Discussion on Open-Ended Questions to Add: The Commission has agreed to add the following open-ended question: “What makes you feel welcome or unwelcome within Warrenville?” *Action Item: Staff Liaison Ochoa to relay this information to Staff Liaison Krapf for addition to the survey.*

G. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/REPORTS

- Ex-Officio member Diana Abraham (WPLD) shared that the library hosted its inaugural teen pride meeting with great success. This meeting will be held monthly. More information is available on the Warrenville Public Library website.
- Council Liaison Bill Weidner shared that the official opening of the Prairie Path trailhead outside of City Hall will be held on Thursday, July 20, 2023, from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.
- Commissioner Deno shared that the county of DuPage is offering grants for smaller, non-profit organizations. Applications are due by the 26th of July and applications are available on the county website.

H. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Legler to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Deno and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Legler