Aurora Civic Engagement Commission Meeting

March 1, 2023 (6pm – 8pm)

Attendees

Staff - Saadia Aurakzai (Community Engagement & Relations), Councilmember Coombs (Ward 5), Jonathan Harris (Housing and Community Services), and Andrew Rael Y Trujillo (Housing and Community Services)

Commissioners: Chair Moore, Parliamentarian Holden, and Vice Chair Rosen

Commissioners Report

• Moore – Commissioners need to reach out to Ward leaders and get a conversation going with
• Coombs - Look into Ward 5 applicants for the CEC, as it is not represented on the board at this time
• Moore - Yes, we absolutely want to make this a priority
• Harris - will look at prior applicants from ward 5 to see if they are still related
• Coombs to ask those who applied to ward 5 previously
• New name tags are being distributed

Minutes: Feb 15th, on hold

Public Comment

• Moore requesting if we can put a link on website for public comment
• Harris to talk with communication department
• Moore social media presence; Harris will reach out and see if there are other commissions with social media and

Civic Engagement Academy

Discussion from meeting with Council Meeting

Goals:
• This year, hopefully spring
• Youth accessible, not youth specific
• Connect to the City Council members
• Modular format of classes
• In person, peer to peer contact
• Importance of the tours and the facilities

Topics:
• Aurora form of govt
• Refugee issues
• City charter
• Rules of Council

Review of Academy Outline

• Water Tour - Trying to rolling out water tours and allow shorter tours
• Have a good 8 week outline
• Jonathan will get to work on this and connecting the proper people to get the involved, we can then ask
• Invite all council members to speak at a session
• Moore would like to take a step further and have the meetings within the community. There is a lot of pieces that we can connect to this whole academy
• DEI - Refugee
• Community Project
• Harris will get it to us by the next meeting - there are pieces that need to have feedback on from different departments

New Commissioners

• Candidates are ready to interview
• Aiming for 3/14, 3/15 interview
• Coombs will reach out to Ward 5

Old News, New News Etc

• Meetings, once a month
  o What can we do to be more effective as a commission
  o Rosen - Have more conversations
  o Moore - Illuminate some of the citys highlights
  o Holden - City tours, Art in publics spaces is an easy tour we can do
• Meetings in person vs not
  o Holden: zoom meetings are nice; there is a benefit of getting together
  o Holden offers space at her home to get to know new members
  o April Zoom and May In Person

** Let us know prior to the meeting if you cant make it

Next Meeting: Study Session 3/22, 6pm
- Johnathan to connect with Moore prior to regular monthly meeting

Meeting Adjourned 7:18pm