

Westminster Inclusivity Board

6:00-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 11, 2023, Hybrid Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Present: Seth McGinnis, Justin Davis, Rich Chamberlain, Michelle Zajic, Steve Brachman, Alan Farb, Doug Pfeiffer, Jillian Gibson, (Donna Johnson)

Absent: Refugio Venegas, Miguel Mendoza-Hall, Megan Peters

Staff & Guests: Kodi Blue Erb, David DeMott, Jake Walls, Madison Phillips

- **Old Business** (15 Minutes)
 - Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes
 - Move Doug, 2nd Rich, passes unopposed

- **City Council Report** (10 Minutes)
 - Mayor Pro Tem David DeMott
 - Budget was passed 5-1. Sets water rates, salaries, capital spending, etc.
 - Housing development moving forward
 - Thanks to folks there for proclamations on Monday
 - No IBoard budget for next year, but can ask Council for money
 - City budget discussion
 - Sheridan Green elementary repurposing – community meeting last night
 - Importance of senior services
 - Some new folks on city staff not up to speed yet
 - Keeping good mix of options through build-out
 - Look at Senior Resource Center (Arvada) while looking at transportation options (e.g., Via)
 - Housing study has started. Open House Oct. 25th 5:30-7:30 at the MAC, webpage survey for community input:
<https://www.westminsterco.gov/Business/EconomicDevelopment/HousingNeedsAssessment>
 - City positioned to get state funds for affordable housing development
 - Funding is complicated; majority of Council agrees with Staff asks

- **New Business**
 - December Schedule
 - Michelle moves to skip Dec meeting, Seth 2nd, passes unopposed (1 abstention)
 - Discussion of homeless needs; supplies are available, the bottleneck is staff
 - Motion to use remaining budget to support Growing Home
 - (Are there limitations on whether we can do that?)
 - Possibly transportation for seniors to an event?
 - Motion: Seth; 2nd: Steve;-passes unopposed, 1 abstention
 - Contingency plan: if it needs to go to a city program, give it to the city's Utility Assistance Fund:
 - Motion: Doug, 2nd Rich, passes unopposed
 - Translation services at large events – can volunteers be organized / recruited?

- **Community Report**
 - Proclamations: it's a good practice to put forth effort to find & focus on appropriate representatives of groups being honored; there's been mixed success doing this for (internally-generated) proclamations coming from Council. Kodi will tell Clerk's office that IBoard is happy to help with finding such folks.