

Westminster Inclusivity Board

6:00-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 8, 2023, Hybrid Meeting

Meeting Agenda

Present: Seth McGinnis, Justin Davis, Rich Chamberlain, Steve Brachman, Alan Farb, Miguel Mendoza-Hall, Michelle Zajic, Donna Johnson

Absent: Refugio Venegas, Megan Peters, Doug Pfeiffer, Jillian Gibson,

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

- **Old Business** (15 Minutes)
 - Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes
 - Motion: Rich, 2nd Steve, passes unopposed
 - Remaining Budget Decision:
 - Utility Assistance Fund or Vouchers to benefit People Experiencing Homelessness
 - Supplementing the Utility Assistance Fund could prevent homelessness: 14 (or 10%) of the people experiencing homelessness (PEH) in Westminster on the night of the 2023 Point in Time annual census of PEH said utilities were a contributing factor to being homeless now.
 - The Navigator budget quadrupled in 2023 from 2022 so the budget is healthy.
 - Council preferred that we pick between vouchers vs utility assistance fund
 - (Mayor Pro-Tem argued for keeping the money with the Board - thanks!)
 - Motion Seth, 2nd Steve: recommend to Council that the remaining IBoard funds be transferred to the city's Utility Assistance Fund.
 - Miguel: can we use this as an opportunity to make a connection?
 - Water Resources Team, also Growing Home
 - Note: UAF is water-only; LEAP (Low-Income Energy Assistance Program) can help with electricity/gas
 - Means-based qualification; LEAP eligibility helps
 - Motion passes 7:1:1
- **City Council Report** (10 Minutes)
 - Mayor Pro Tem David DeMott
 - Budget was passed; retention of city manager, attorney, judge all approved
 - SWOT analysis of budget process to improve it next year
 - New council members incoming from yesterday's election; counts still ongoing
 - First new council meeting in December
 - All the municipal ballot issues look to have passed, including creating wards
 - Wards will have to be drawn up, then approved by voters
 - Proclamation honoring Michelle Haney
 - Ballot questions passed - exploration of wards
 - How can IBoard be of service in development of a proposal for wards?
 - Mayor Pro Tem will take that question to Council
 - Committee composition, number of wards, etc.
 - First ad-hoc committee / task force in 2024?
- **New Business**
 - New business items to consider for next year:
 - Outreach to new council members
 - Things to be ready to talk to Council about (March/April):

- Growing Home, Utility Assistance Fund,
 - Housing needs assessment – Economic Development Team (Feb?)
 - Talk to city manager again, vision for 2024?
 - Reconnect with PRL re: events, what support we can provide (Jan?)
 - Joint board meeting / meet & greet with PROSLAB, Youth Advisory Panel?
 - Senior needs
- Subcommittee Reports/Updates
 - None
- Community Report
 - What's Happening in the Community?
 - State legislative session starts in early January
 - Legislative review committee?
 - Citizens' Advisory Board will continue under Chief Herbert; may be looking for a replacement rep from IBoard if Miguel moves to new board
 - Retirement home sustainability committee (env. & econ) working w/ consultant Bridger Tomlin
 - Westminster Legacy Foundation awards breakfast – lifetime achievement award for Mayor
 - Shannon Bird climate change panel
 - Discussion of arts & cultural center showcasing multiple Westy cultures
 - Air quality as a climate change impact with
 - Growing Home community-wide meeting on food access Fri Nov 17 6-7:30 at MAC
 - Board reappointments incoming for some members; keep an eye out
- Closure/Reflection (3 minutes)

Future Meeting Topic(s):

- Canceled the December 2023 Meeting