

Minutes
CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY COMMISSION
Conference Room 235
City Hall, 515 Clark Avenue
Monday, August 27, 2018

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Chair Karin Chitty. Members present were Evelyn Beavers, Pete Englin, Ian Steenhoek, and Warren Madden. Eric Abrams and Tom Lindsley were not present. Staff liaison Tasheik Kerr was also present.

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by Warren, seconded by Evelyn, to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2018, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Forum

No one was present for Public Forum.

Community Inclusiveness Task Discussion

Karin mentioned that Pete made contact with Reg Stewart, but Reg was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Pete noted there were some discussions between the Mayor and President Wintersteen regarding efforts that may be connected to the Commission's current task.

Karin noted she felt stuck on how to move forward. She had been hoping to get more feedback regarding what the group could do to move forward. She raised the concept of a focus group, and what attendees might be good to involve. Pete suggested cataloging some of the inclusive efforts that take place in the community (e.g., Ames Pride, Symposium, etc.).

Ian raised the issue of concern for safety. He suggested publicizing or being more transparent regarding existing safety initiatives.

Brian asked Pete whether the Campus Climate Survey was complete and whether there could be opportunities generated from reviewing that survey. Pete responded it was complete and described some of the responses. Pete showed the video produced by ISU outlining the Principles of Community. This video was shown to incoming students at Destination Iowa State. Warren suggested that the Principles could be discussed among the community at large. Pete reiterated that he felt the Commission should catalog what is already being done in the community. He suggested this could be done via email with people the Commission knows to be connected with other activities.

Ian suggested a focus group would be a good idea, now that students are back. There was discussion about how a focus group might be organized and facilitated. Warren asked

whether it was worthwhile to identify people who were new to the Ames community, and then they could be asked what could be improved. Karin asked Pete whether we might be able to ask the attendees about the events and activities that already take place that could be catalogued. Pete stated he would participate in a focus group if they group wanted, but he did not feel it should be pursued.

Karin asked about next steps. She shared the letter she sent to the Council to update them a few weeks ago. Brian reviewed the specific direction from the Council. Pete suggested gathering a list of efforts that are already being formally undertaken to be inclusive, then holding a focus group that reflects on whether those things are meaningful and whether additional efforts should be pursued to address gaps.

Karin suggested Pete will write the question to solicit lists of activities already being undertaken, then the Commission members will disseminate it to people they know to have ideas submitted.

Commissioner Comments

There were no Commissioner Comments.

Adjourn

Tom moved the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.