

Meeting Minutes

Bend City Council Stewardship Subcommittee

May 26, 2020, 3:00 p.m.

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3:00 p.m. Bend City Council Stewardship Subcommittee Meeting

1. Convene Subcommittee Meeting

Councilors Barb Campbell, Bruce Abernethy, Chris Piper

Also Attended: Eric King, Shelly Smith, Kayla Duddy, Mary Winters, LeeAnn O'Neill, Erin Rook, Holly Harris

2. Approval of minutes from the January 28, 2020 meeting

Councilor Campbell made a motion to approve the January 28, 2020 meeting minutes. Councilor Abernethy seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously (3-0).

3. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)

Erin Rook and LeeAnn O'Neill, Allyship in Action, presented the following slides on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Project update:

- About Allyship in Action
- Terms to Know
- Council Directive
- Contract Objectives
- What We Have Done
- What's Next
- DEI Task Force
- Feedback Process
- Needs
- Priorities
- Considerations
- Existing Models – Spheres of Responsibility
- Existing Models – Primary Approach
- Key Insights
- Questions for Discussion

Councilor Abernethy asked what the difference was between a commission and committee. Mary Winters, City Attorney, explained the City has discussed this in the past and decided that there was confusion with the public in regards to the different names used for committees, boards and commissions, which council reviewed when it updated the municipal code related to them. She mentioned that the Planning Commission and Landmarks Commission are the only commissions the City currently has whose duties include a quasi-judicial function in administering city code.

Councilor Abernethy asked what the process looks like for the proposed task force. Ms. O'Neill explained the concept of restorative justice principles that have been seen in juvenile crime type cases as an alternative to litigation. She said the end goal of this approach is to find a way to resolve issues based in reconciliation.

Councilor Piper recommended having a clear definition of what a commission and committee are when presenting to the full Council.

Eric King, City Manager, suggested having one more Stewardship Council Subcommittee meeting before giving the full Council an update to further discuss the different models of DEI Commissions/Committees. Councilor Piper stated he is in favor of having another Stewardship Council Subcommittee meeting in June or July to discuss the role of the committee/commission further.

Councilor Campbell liked the idea of a place for learning and providing support to people on figuring out what their reporting options are. Mr. Rook explained that was something the task force expressed interest in as the role of the group.

Councilor Campbell asked for clarification on what was meant by holding Council accountable. Mr. Rook explained this group would be involved in helping draft a plan for the City. He mentioned the task force is interested in a human-to-human accountability.

Councilor Piper stated that he thought the training was a Council goal and only six out of the seven Councilors completed the DEI training. He said the City needs to think of questions the City could receive from the public and prepare messages to their questions and concerns.

Councilor Abernethy asked why some cities choose to use a commission versus a committee. Mr. Rook explained he is trying to get more information from the City of Beaverton, because they use both types of groups when most cities have a single body that is focused on these types of issues.

Councilor Abernethy asked what City resources, in terms of staff and funding, would be necessary for this group to be effective. Mr. Rook explained it depends on what the group wanted to be engaged in. He said he is hoping to have more information on this the next time they meet with the Subcommittee.

Councilor Piper asked what was the funding source for the recommended stipend for committee members and if that is something other cities have done. Mr. Rook explained that was a recommendation from the task force to have the City look into a way to provide something of that nature. Mr. King suggested having broader conversation around the stipend topic for all city committees and boards. He mentioned there are different funding sources, depending upon the committee.

4. Crisis Stabilization Center

Holly Harris, Deschutes County, presented the following slides on the Deschutes County Stabilization Center update:

- Remobilization Plan

- DCSC Opening
- Funding

Councilor Piper asked if there has been any more development on the metrics model. Ms. Harris explained Deschutes County is collecting more metrics due to the large amount of grants. She said each grant has a separate set of metrics that are tied to reducing emergency department utilization, incarceration of those with serious mental health illness, and law enforcement time spent managing this population.

Ms. Harris mentioned the County is tracking a grant that focuses to target high utilizers of the criminal justice system.

Councilor Piper ask if the County is still averaging 10 to 13 people a day. Ms. Harris stated once the Stabilization Center is open 24/7, that is about the number of guests they predict will need services.

Councilor Piper asked if/when Ms. Harris might want to come back for the next report on progress of the Center. Mr. King explained the City would continue to monitor things closely to determine if or when the City would consider additional contributions to the Center and when another report out could happen for this group.

5. Adjourned at 4:23 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Kayla M. Duddy
Deputy City Recorder