

Warrensburg Diversity and Inclusion Commission  
Jan. 4, 2021, Minutes of the meeting  
Meeting was held by Go To Meeting

Invitees in attendance:

- Voting members: Erica Collins, chair; Barbara Mayfield, vice-chair; Suzy Latare, Atsuki Mori, Kamel Ghazzi
- City staff: Rich Lockhart (Chief of Police)
- Guest: Danielle Dulin (Interim City Manager)

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Erica Collins at 7:13 pm with a quorum in attendance. Barbara moved to accept the agenda; Heather seconded; the motion carried.

2. Suzy and Kamel made a correction to the minutes of the January meeting, changing the term mosque to Islamic Center. Heather moved to approve the minutes as corrected; Kamel seconded; the motion carried.

2a. Danielle Dulin, interim city manager, introduced herself to the group. Her early career was with the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. She made a decision to change the direction of her career, earned an MBA, and worked in city government of several cities of Johnson County Kansas. Seeking experience in a stand-alone community with unique influence such as a university, she came to Warrensburg in February of 2020.

3. Community Events and Outreach:

a. Warrensburg School District has a new Facebook page on diversity and inclusion.

b. University of Central Missouri's Martin Luther King celebration: UCM has a Facebook page for its MLK celebration.

DIC members will complete their videos of community areas of inclusion as discussed in December and submit them to Suzy. Someone from the university will compile the clips into a video expressing some areas of diversity and inclusion in Warrensburg. Barbara changed the subject of her video from RISE to WILS, which covers a larger range of disabilities.

UCM is having service days Jan. 14-15 at the Lee's Summit campus. They are making dog treats for an animal shelter.

c. The group discussed other ways DIC could work on education and awareness. Included were: brainstorm DIC purpose, mission etc.; collaborate with other groups with a similar purpose, e.g. Diversity and Dialogue, or Community Change Committee; address access to affordable housing; expand DIC's presence on social media; DIC utilize the City's website by sending information to Rich; involvement with Johnson County Sheriff's office to discuss what civic organizations and the Sheriff's office can do;

4. Other issues: At a later meeting discuss the possibility of new members to the commission.

At 8:12 pm, Suzy moved to adjourn the meeting, Kamel seconded, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.