

Warrensburg Diversity and Inclusion Commission
April 5, 2021, Minutes of the Meeting
Meeting was held by GoTo Meeting

Invitees in attendance:

- Voting members: Erica Collins, chair; Barbara Mayfield, vice-chair; Atsuki Mori, Heather Jepsen, Kamel Ghazzi, Dorothy Arvizu
- Ex Officio members: Nolan Brooks (City Council Liaison), Chris Aumiller (WAFB)
- City staff: Rich Lockhart (Chief of Police)
- Guest: Barbara Hill, Warrensburg Public Schools; Sara Lawson, Warrensburg Daily Journal

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Erica Collins at 7 pm with a quorum in attendance.
2. Heather Jepsen moved to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2021, meeting; Barbara seconded; the motion carried.

3. Community Events and Outreach:

- a. Allison Rhone and Dr. Lover Chanler were invited to the meeting but did not attend. Rich reported that Allison has moved to Lee's Summit.
- b. Rich hosted a dinner meeting of the Community Change Committee attended by persons of diversity from Warrensburg, the University of Central Missouri, Whiteman Air Force Base, Warrensburg High School, athletes, and the Warrensburg police department (with Rich as Chief). A teenage boy who was white indicated interacting with persons of color was a different experience than he was accustomed to through watching television.
- b. Erica reported discussion on community policing with Officer Reynolds.
- c. Erica invited Barbara Hill, social worker with Warrensburg R6 School District (bhill@warrensburgR6.org), to speak to the DIC group. DIC hosted Dr. Scott Patrick at a DIC meeting when he was superintendent and wanted to reach out to the district again. Ms. Hill reports the district has implemented Diversity and Equity in Education, reaching out to teachers and students through awareness activities and curriculum. They are using awareness groups within the community to develop the curriculum. The district has a new Facebook site: Warrensburg Diversity and Equity in Education. DIC member Dorothy Arvizu offered her own materials to assist the project. Chris Aumiller provides similar training at WAFB and indicated WAFB to have vast resources available. He has also found sesamestreetcommunities.org to be helpful with training in diversity and equity.

4. New DIC members

Erica emailed current members with the applications of three interested persons. Their applications arrived at times when new members were not needed and were held until now. One applicant was a UCM student. Erica will contact her to see if she is still eligible and interested.

5. Other issues brought up by DIC members:

- a. Dorothy recommended the book, The Sum of Us, by Heather McGee.

6. At 8:00, Rich left the meeting. With no additional action at hand, at 8:03, Heather moved to adjourn the meeting; Dorothy seconded; the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.