

I. Call to Order

Members Present: Councilor Aurora Hurd, Nick Woolf, Ruth Steinmetz & Parker Silver

City Staff Present: Jenny Willingham

Guests Present: None

Call to Order by: The meeting was called to order by Parker Silver at 6:09 PM

Meeting Start Time: 6 PM

II. Public Comment

None

III. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Approved

Motion by: Nick Woolf

Second: Ruth Steinmetz

IV. City Council Updates (Councilor Aurora Hurd)

Councilor Hurd presented the FY 24 Commission Engagement. These Priorities

arose from our Priorities & Strategies Council/Leadership Retreat held on May 13, 2023. The Inclusion & Belonging Commission is invited for consultation and feedback for all of our Priority Items.

Also, the City has a new Housing Initiative Director, Jazmine Hurley.

V. City Updates (Jenny Willingham)

Jenny Willingham announced the City is working on drafting a Request for Proposal for a Language Access Plan.

The grievance hearing for property tax appeals is on June 23, 2023 from 8 AM - 12 PM. Even if a property owner did not receive a notice, they are allowed to grieve the assessed value. Please email clerk@winooski.vt.gov or call 802 655 6410 to set up an appointment.

The 2023-2024 Abstract Grand List was filed on June 7, 2023.

Shalini Suryanarayana (VT Office of Racial Equity) spoke to our Chittenden County Quarterly Clerks' Meeting. The presentation was well received. Shalini will be a featured speaker at our annual VMCTA conference in September.

Thank you to Abdi Mohamed for his service on this Commission. Abdi brought great insight, energy, and wisdom to the Commission.

VI. Discussion/Approval: Inclusion and Belonging Stipend Procedure

Decision: Approve

Motion by: Nick Woolf

Second: Ruth Steinmetz

The Stipend Pilot Policy was reviewed by the Commission. There were some minor edits of the document. The next step is a presentation to City Council on June 20, 2023.

VII. Discussion: New Member Needs - 2 Regular Members, 2 Alternates

Due to a previously committed meeting, the meeting needed to end due to the lack of a quorum. The next Agenda will feature Items VII and VIII.

VIII. Discussion: Executive Summary of Equity Audit Findings

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IX. Adjourn

Motion by: Nick Woolf

Second: Ruth Steinmetz

Meeting End Time: 6:42 PM