



**TOWN OF CROMWELL
LGBTQ COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
August 18th, 2021
07:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

In attendance: Jacey Long, Lana Dupont, Thomas Foran, Matt Brown, Elsie Newcombe
Liaison: Katelynn Puorro

1. CALL TO ORDER

7:23 PM

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to accept agenda: Lana

Second: Thomas

Unanimously carried

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

6/16, 6/28, 7/8

Motion to accept minutes: Lana

Second: Thomas

Unanimously carried

4. CHAIR REPORT

Plan putting together for an October event, time for the committee and to plan it.

5. LIAISONS REPORT

None

6. SCHOOL REPORT

Matt Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Policy moved from Policy committee to BOE

Matt to send to policy to the committee

Pages 6-12: [Policy Committee References 8-18-21](#)

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None



8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Unity Pole Update

- Elsie brought up the Peace pole to the DE&I committee, they are interested in learning more
 - Looking to possibly put on Town Hall property compared to School property
- Based on Jacey's prior meeting, she believes that the Town Manager wouldn't want it on town property
- Steve Fortenbach and James Demetriades have voiced support for a Pride project
 - The focus is about the town initiative instead of school-LGBTQ+ people in Cromwell aren't only youth
 - Could be more about intersectionality instead just LGBTQ+
- Maybe think about 5 locations (4 schools and Town Hall) for the Crosswalk
- Crosswalk possibility for schools and also possibly in front of Town Hall
 - Focus on pedestrian parking lot
- Elsie is thinking this would be February to pitch
 - Lana agrees that we should plan ahead
 - It gives more time to get more approval from the new board
- Lana also researched that the poles in town are private property
- We should have 1 or more than 1 joint meeting to focus on messaging and planning
- Jacey also mentioned the strength of her network to bring people to help support for initiatives once defined
- Even local outreach with media could help support
- Committees should hang tight until end of October/November
 - Timeline:
 - September: Create Subcommittees within DEI and LGBTQ
 - October: Aigne, Elsie, Jacey schedule November joint meetings
 - November: joint subcommittee meetings begin
 - Town Council meeting in February

B. October Event Planning (LGBTQ History Month)

- Lana has an idea about Pride Pumpkin or possibly cutouts for pumpkins
- Let's do something to get kids involved
- Lana saw a pride pancake event where they had rainbow pancake dinner
 - Per Thomas, we may have to think about food licensing
- Recommendation to participate in Trick or Trunk
 - ECS/WIS PTO runs the event and they have a date on the calendar
- Kate/Thomas has been working on workshops that we could
 - Youth Services was thinking of running for ABC Center and Q Plus
 - If Youth Services runs then, we can endorse it
- We can then put out a donation box for our committee
- Jacey doesn't have time to run it, but Thomas may have capacity if the topic fits
- Kate would look into recording her prior session she ran for CMS
- Lana will call Garden Dreams and Fair Weather Acre to get
- Thomas recommended doing possibly a contest
 - Jacey recommended an optional contest



- Set up special meeting in two weeks to review
- Kate thinks the Trick or Trunk is a good opportunity
 - Thomas thinks that this is a really strong event option
- Committee agrees to go to Trick or Trunk
- Kate to talk to Katie about when they are finding vendors
- Plan to launch Facebook page prior to Trick or Trunk

C. Facebook page

Wait to launch until there is content to post

9. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION

None

10. ADJOURN

Move we adjourn: Matt

Second: Thomas

Unanimously carried

8:36 PM

Note: This meeting will be held primarily over zoom, please contact Katelynn Puorro for further information.