



**MINUTES**  
*Ogden Diversity Commission*  
Virtual - Zoom

WEDNESDAY, February 9th, 2022 – 4:30 PM

In Attendance:

Jeremy Shinoda, Betty Sawyer, Kari Harbath,  
Stacy Bernal, Kathie Darby, Sharda Jones, Tom Szalay

Excused:

Jessica Adams, Christine Ipsen, Roger Snow

Absent:

Taylor Knuth, Iveth Vasquez

Ogden City Staff Present:

CJ Hernandez

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1. Welcome.
2. Roll Call.
3. Action Item - approval of minutes from 01/12/2021.
  - a. Commissioner Darby made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Sawyer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. New Business.
  - 4.1. Current events in the community - Chair Shinoda
    - a. Commissioner Harbath stated that the Indie Ogden Bazaar is going on at the Marshall White Center once a month and the next one is on February 20<sup>th</sup> from 11-4 pm.

- b. Commissioner Sawyer stated that there is a bill running in legislature session to make Juneteenth a state holiday so she will be watching that as it goes through the process.
- c. CJ stated that City Council would like to do a joint session in April since they meet at the same time as the Diversity Commission. This will give the City Council an opportunity to work closer with the Diversity Commission.
- d. Commissioner Bernal stated that Awesome Autistic Ogden is coming up in April and is in the planning stages currently. The Diversity Commission will have a table at an event on April 16<sup>th</sup> at Enable Utah. She would also like Commissioners to send any questions to her for the community conversation with OPD on the 21st which will be about mental health, disability, and law enforcement.
- e. Jeremy will create a document that the commission can tweak with events each month, possibly a live google doc that commissioners can add what events they can attend.

#### 4.2. KUER Ogden Listening Tour - Maria O'Mara, Executive Director

- a. Maria O'Mara gave a presentation on recording sessions that they are creating that include community partners, donor partners, and internal partners from KUER. (see recording for full presentation).

#### 4.3. People Helping People – Lexie Germaine, Community Outreach Coordinator [www.phputah.org](http://www.phputah.org)

- a. Lexie Germaine shared a PowerPoint Presentation on the People Helping People program, which is an employment program to help low-income women and single mothers reach their full potential in the workplace (see recording for full presentation).

#### 4.4. Recommendations for City Council Recognitions for February, March and April - Chair Shinoda

- a. Chair Shinoda would like recommendations for recognitions for the next few months. This can be events, famous people from Ogden, community leaders, etc. Commissioner Sawyer suggested with March being Women's History Month that women entrepreneurs in Ogden could be honored or any category such as artists,

non-profits, business leaders, etc. CJ suggested giving the City Council several names because they meet four times a month so several women could be recognized. Chair Shinoda suggested it be a rolling list for the entire year. Commissioner Szalay suggested a list be sent to him so he could get them photographed and some media coverage. CJ will put all the names in a spreadsheet with categories that everyone can add to.

#### **4.5. Leadership Nominations - Chair Shinoda**

- a. Chair Shinoda would like anyone that is willing to chair an existing or new committee to volunteer for that role due to several people leaving the Commission due to term limits. Chair Shinoda stated that even though he's leaving the Commission, he is still willing to help with contacts or events. Chair Shinoda would also like names for a chair and vice-chair for the Commission itself.
- b. CJ stated that the current committees are community conversations, outreach, communication/marketing & event protocol, and race equity & policing. Commissioner Harbath will chair marketing/event protocol. Commissioner Jones will chair race equity & policing. Commissioner Bernal suggested combining community conversations and outreach into one committee. Commissioner Szalay suggested there be an education committee possibly created.

#### **5. Old Business.**

##### **a. Annual report status – Chair Shinoda**

- a. Chair Shinoda would still like people to look at the annual report covering the last 18 months and add whatever he might have forgotten. Chair Shinoda will spend one more week on it and finalize it to be sent to City Council.

##### **b. Commissioner applications – CJ Hernandez**

- a. CJ stated there are four applications currently in. Please continue to network and try to get new commissioners. CJ will be out of town for three months starting in April and Mara, Meggin, and Diana will cover while she is gone.

#### **6. Committee Reports.**

- a. Commissioner Szalay would like to do more video storytelling to the black community in Ogden. He would like to do something pertaining to this.

Commissioner Sawyer asked Commissioner Szalay to speak with her and they can coordinate it.

**7. Comments from Staff.**

- a. CJ wanted to remind everyone that the Police Awards Banquet is on February 28<sup>th</sup> and the entire Commission has been invited. Please RSVP directly to Diana Lopez. March 7<sup>th</sup> is Ogden High School Night where there will be a Commission table set up. March 8<sup>th</sup> is when EDC Utah will come to Ogden City and brief senior management. CJ would like Commissioners to have lunch with them if possible and she would also like to give them a walking tour of the arts district. April 16<sup>th</sup> is Awesome Autistic Ogden, which the Commission will table at. April 21<sup>st</sup> is a community conversation with OPD about autism and neurodiverse individuals. February 20<sup>th</sup> is the bazaar at the Marshall White Center. There are no events for May yet, so please submit events if you know of anything going on. Juneteenth will be held in June on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

**8. Comments from Commission Members.**

- a. Commissioner Sawyer suggested having someone from Community & Economic Development attend a meeting and share what they do and any projects going on in the city.

**9. Public comment: This is an opportunity to address the Commission regarding concerns or ideas on any topic. To be considerate of everyone at this meeting, public comments will need to be submitted electronically, [diversity@ogdencity.com](mailto:diversity@ogdencity.com) or by calling 801-629-8109. Participants are to state their first and last name for the record. Comments will then be submitted for the record.**

- a. Diana Lopez from Ogden Police Department reported that they are having their Ogden Community Crime Conference on April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, formerly known as the gang conference. There is a fee for the two day conference and if anyone wants to attend let Diana know.
- b. Public Member Oland Thompson stated that he is happy there is a Diversity Commission for Ogden City and thanked them for their work.

**10. Adjournment.**

**11. Diversity Commission Chair Minutes Approval:**   
Jeremy Shinoda (Apr 14, 2022 12:14 MDT) Date: April 13, 2022

NEXT REGULAR OGDEN DIVERSITY COMMISSION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, March 9th, 2022  
Virtual Meeting

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