



Wellbeing Advisory Committee

Thursday, March 4, 2021

8:30 am – 10:00 am

The Wellbeing Advisory Committee met virtually for their regular meeting. All members and staff met via Zoom video call. The meeting was held as an electronic regular Wellbeing Advisory Committee meeting because a meeting in person was impossible or impractical due to concerns for the health and safety of Commission members, staff and the public presented by COVID-19.

MINUTES

Committee Members present: Steve Dolezal, Kaitlin Emrich, Stephanie Neff, Lindsay Olson, Zach Schladetzky, Adam Walter

Committee Members absent: Ellen Bouchard, Katherine Read

Staff Members present: Stephanie Schrader

Kaitlin Emrich called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Steve Dolezal moved to approve the February 4, 2021 minutes. Steve Dolezal seconded. Motion passed.

Jeff Wozencraft and Eric Holthaus gave a presentation about equitable engagement. Jeff reviewed the factors that make up the CDC's Social Vulnerability Index, which can be summarized into four categories: socioeconomic, household composition, minority status, and housing/transportation. Eric described how engaging groups that tend to be underrepresented supports resiliency. Eric stated a concerted effort to reach these groups is being made in the climate action planning process. Kaitlin Emrich stated the Wellbeing Advisory Committee is interested in helping move this type of work forward.

Zach Schladetzky noted Council approved the Long-Term Planning Commission's 2019 Long Term Plan last month. The group should review the goals, as they are directed at Boards and Commissions.

During work plan discussion, Stephanie Neff remarked drinking fountains are still turned off at the Cedar Rapids Community School District schools and she is still seeking reusable water bottle donations for students. Kaitlin Emrich noted PCI has identified a need for a bike rack, but lacks funding to purchase one. Adam Walter stated his neighborhood had a positive reaction to the idea of a pocket park.

Kaitlin Emrich reported that Linda Levy has submitted her resignation.

The next Wellbeing Advisory Committee meeting will be held virtually on May 6, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Schrader
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