

**CITY OF BELLEVUE
CENTERING COMMUNITIES OF COLOR
Meeting Minutes**

November 17, 2022
Thursday

Via Hybrid

MEMBERS PRESENT: Monik Martinez
Gloria Northcroft
Randy Nunez, Ph.D.
Royce Yuen
Amirah Haque

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kenny Pleasant

OTHERS PRESENT: Sara Boyle
Justin Chin

MINUTES TAKER: Michelle Cash

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by Justin Chan.

II. ESTABLISH GROUP BYLAWS:

Sara Boyle provided an overview of the proposed committee bylaws. Sara responded to various questions from Committee Members. Since the Committee is required to operate under the Open Public Meetings Act, additional clarification may be needed for the bylaws. Staff will have the proposed bylaws reviewed by the Legal Department and present the recommended changes to the Committee at the next meeting.

Committee Members reviewed the Centering Communities of Color online application. Committee Members requested that additional leadership questions be added to the list of in person interview questions. Sara said that the application will be available online and in paper form. Sara and Gloria Northcroft will work on member recruitment.

III. UPDATE ON JOSHUA BARR:

Sara said that the team recently met with Civil Rights Attorney Joshua Barr. The goal is to have Joshua assist with updating the city's Diversity Advantage Plan in 2023. Sara hopes to have Joshua present to the Committee in January or February, 2023.

IV. CITY PROJECT UPDATES

A. Transit Police

Sara said that City Council recently met to discuss funding for a Police transit unit. The overarching goal is to provide safety for all people. The City is collaborating in the planning stage right now with Sound Transit, and neighboring cities.

Because transit is already an integral mobility option in Bellevue, and Sound Transit and King County Metro already coordinate with the City for response, planning for light rail opening is greatly informed by current practice. Service evaluation will reassess demand based on actual calls for service to determine future staffing adjustments. In addition, staff plans to engage with the community to develop measures of success and continue outreach before and after East Link service begins.

Sara noted that Council recently approved a Police Transit Policy.

B. Naming of Parks

Sara called attention to the new policy and procedure for naming public parks, and park and recreation facilities that was included in the Committee materials.

C. Other

Sara discussed the proclamation by City Council to recognize November 13-19, 2022, as Transgender Awareness Week in Bellevue and encouraged all residents to participate in activities that raise awareness for transgender issues. The Transgender Day of Remembrance on November 20, 2022, honors all transgender and gender non-conforming community members lost to violence across the country

Sara informed Committee Members that Council has referenced the CCC Committee frequently in their meetings. Committee Members are encouraged to attend the City Council meetings.

V. BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. 2023 Meeting Schedule

B. Emails and Tablets

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VI. NEXT STEPS:

- A. Subcommittees
- B. Homework
- C. December Agenda

VII. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING:

The next committee meeting will be held on December 15, 2022. Agenda items include:

- 2023 Meeting Schedule
- Length of Committee Meetings

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.