

MEETING OF WENATCHEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE RE: ELECTORAL PROCESS

March 14, 2016

WENATCHEE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
129 S. Chelan Avenue Wenatchee, WA 98801

MINUTES

I. **CALL TO ORDER 5:30 pm**

Chair Jean Speidel called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Committee members present were: Susan Albert, Carolyn Case, Oralia Banuelos, Gustavo Montoya, Rufus Woods, Joe Morrison, Karen Rutherford and Mark Urdahl. Available by phone: Alma Chacon. Absent: Mario Cantu. Staff present: Executive Services Director Allison Williams

II. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Peggy Ludwick, 351 19th St. #5, East Wenatchee provided comments. She moved back to Wenatchee after being gone for 50 years. She has lived in Yakima and is very supportive of what has occurred there. She would love if the new Mayor of Yakima would address the group.

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 25, 2016, MEETING**

Motion to approve the January 25, 2016 meeting minutes by Joe Morrison. Karen Rutherford seconded the motion. Motion carried (9-0).

IV. **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Jean Speidel provided her notes for the meetings held on February 10th and February 12th. (Museum and Café/Community Center respectively). She also provided handouts of the presentations and walked through the One America presentation and asked for feedback. There was no further feedback on her notes. Discussion ensued about the concepts presented in the One America presentation. Overall there was concern that regardless of the route taken, lack of engagement and participation in the political process may be a barrier.

Jean Speidel asked for updates on future meetings:

- Gustavo Montoya reported that the college is not ready. Allison Williams indicated that the Diversity Council / YWCA are supporting an event "Stand Up Against Racism" at Wenatchee Valley College on April 28 from

9a.m. to 1p.m. It might be an opportunity to couple a presentation with this event.

- Downtown Rotary was discussed. (Norma has requested program time)
- The Parent Advocacy Group was discussed.(Susan Albert will ask Melissa Hernandez). Allison Williams emailed Melissa Hernandez about the Interagency Council.
- Alma Chacon noted that there is a meeting of CAFÉ on Wednesday at 6:30p.m.
- Rufus Woods suggested that we work with the City's Diversity Council to look at a meeting. Allison Williams suggested working jointly with them and the college.
- Alma Chacon would like to develop a questionnaire for this weekend's Mariachi Festival.

V. RESEARCH (In the interest of time, handouts were provided but the research topics were moved to the March 28th meeting).

VI. PLAN MEETINGS THROUGH MAY

Upcoming meeting dates were presented with a focus on refining a direction with the March 28th presentation by Bill Cooper who has updated data and we may be close to a minority majority district with the five district concept.

VII. OTHER

Jean Speidel will email out an overview of the Pasco situation and the Washington Voter Rights Act.

VIII. NEXT STEPS:

Susan Albert will contact Melissa Hernandez. Gustavo Montoya will follow up with the college. Alma Chacon will develop a flyer/survey for the Mariachi Festival to obtain feedback.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7p.m.