

CITY OF McMinnville
MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF
THE DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held at Kent Taylor Civic Hall and online via Zoom,
McMinnville, Oregon

Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

Presiding: Committee Co-Chair Larry Miller & Committee Co-Chair Caitlin Nemeth
Secretary: Noelle Amaya, Communications & Engagement
Manager

Committee Members: Present	Absence
Abby Thomas	Tony Lai
Caitlin Nemeth	Efrain Arredondo
Viviana Garibay	
Larry Miller	
Zack Geary	
Christine Bader	
Katherine Martin	
Nancy Macias	

Others in attendance: Susan Muir, Parks & Recreation Director; Jon Pheanis, MIG; Elly Schafer, MIG

- 1) CALL TO ORDER: Committee Co-Chair Larry Miller calls the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
- 2) PROS PLAN PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION: MIG presents the Draft Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan to the committee.

The plan focused on equity and community engagement, with an emphasis on inclusivity, lifelong learning opportunities, natural habitats, community cohesion, and support for the needs of the local community. Susan Muir asks the committee to provide recommendations on the plan, which could range from full approval to suggesting modifications or continuing the discussion.

Committee members recommend adding more specific language to prioritize accessibility and inclusive design in all parks or play areas, and asked MIG to incorporate their feedback on the map with a special focus on identifying underserved areas for potential prioritization of park or amenity development.

The Committee asked MIG and staff to consider creating a policy in which non-park pathways/trails and the information collected through this plan would be carried over to inform the transportation system plan update.

The committee directed staff to consider how periodic check-ins with the DEIAC might work to ensure the plan stays relevant and flexible as the city progresses.

The plan will be brought back to the DEIAC for review and potential amendments before the final draft will be presented to the City Council for adoption.

3) ADJOURNMENT at 4:00 pm.

s/s Noelle Amaya
Noelle Amaya,
Communications & Engagement Manager