



Breckenridge Social Equity Advisory Commission

February 19, 2024, 7:30am

*Striving for racial and social equity for all by removing barriers and
facilitating opportunities to thrive*

I. Call to Order

Chair Jordan Burns called the meeting to order at 7:30am.

Roll Call

Present: Jotwan Daniels, June Walters, Laurie Moroco, Silvia Vicuna, Eliana Crabb, Isaura Cirillo

Zoom: Jordan Burns and Carol Saade

Absent: Tahja Grier

Discussion/Approval of Agenda

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Walters, Seconded: Commissioner Vicuna

Discussion/Approval of the Minutes

The January minutes were not included as part of the packet and will be approved at the March meeting.

II. Staff Summary

Town Manager Shannon Haynes stated Mack Russo is no longer with the Town and we are moving forward with hiring a Bilingual Community Outreach and Engagement Liaison to facilitate meetings. She further stated Scott Reid and Helen Cospolich will be facilitating the meetings moving forward.

i. Pocketalk Devices

Town Clerk Helen Cospolich updated the Commission on the Pocketalk devices. Commissioner Moroco asked if the devices could be used in group settings, such as coffee talk events. Cospolich stated the devices are intended for one-on-one situations but could be used for small groups as needed. There will also be one or two extra "floating" Pocketalk devices that could be signed out from the Community Outreach Department and used by BSEAC commissioners as needed. Commissioner Vicuna asked for a list of the areas in Town that will use the translator devices. Commissioner Daniels asked if the Commission could be invited to the training for the devices.

ii. Arts and Culture Master Plan Update

Julia Puester, Assistant Director of Community Development, stated the Town is moving forward with a 10-year Arts and Culture Master Plan. She further stated we see BSEAC playing a large role in feedback about the plan and we want to make sure the plan includes feedback from as many people as possible. She stated that when we hire a consultant, we will come back to the group with some questions to help develop a good process.

Commissioner Walters asked if the Equity Lens would be part of the information provided to the consultant and then clarified that they should use the Equity Lens, and not the Equity Blueprint for this purpose. Puester stated that yes, the consultants would use the Equity Lens as part of the process.

III. Social Equity Discussion

Subcommittee Updates

Celebrate Diversity

Chair Burns thanked Commissioner Walter for the idea and her work on the Barney Ford video. Commissioner Walter stated she was curious about how many video views we have gotten since we last heard about statistics.

Commissioner Walters then stated the subcommittee focused on the Ten Mile Pride events in June. Commissioner Crabb asked about hiring Dean Nelson as a pride consultant for Ten Mile Pride. Town Manager Haynes stated he does large events and has an affinity for Breck. She also stated we have asked the BTO to take a bigger role in that event and we will have an update at the March BSEAC meeting.

Chair Burns stated there are still spots remaining for the Black History Month cooking class tonight at CMC. Commissioner Moroco stated she can push out information about the class to CMC students as well.

Chair Burns stated the next Celebrate Diversity meeting will be March 6th, 5-6pm, in conjunction with the Community Outreach Engagement meeting as well.

Community Outreach & Engagement

Commissioner Walters stated they discussed an issue that has come up at the Welcome Center, where visitors may view Breckenridge more as a “white place” and may not be as accepting of diversity. She suggested to the group that we regularly feature diverse members of the community in a video series and on our social media feeds. The commissioners generally agreed this was a good idea. She also spoke about preparing an Equity Resource Guide for the community. Commissioner Daniels stated they were also introduced to the Youth Empowered Students of Summit and involving those students in the future to be part of the conversations in the community.

Community Education & Influence

Chair Burns stated they need to set the date for the next meeting. Town Manager Haynes stated they can use a Doodle Poll to schedule the next meeting. Commissioner Moroco stated they recently filmed a video with SCTV and we should see if we can edit it to use in the future, and to air on SCTV and social media accounts.

Immigration Rights and Advocacy

Commissioner Vicuna stated the next meeting is Friday at noon, and they have been working with Mountain Dreamers to learn about their goals and to work to coordinate with them in the future.

Civic Engagement

Commissioner Crabb stated an email went out about the mini-grant process, including the matrix about how to score applications, and it needs to be refined. She further stated they would like to schedule more coffee talks and happy hours. Town Manager Haynes stated she can send out a Doodle Poll to schedule a meeting for this subcommittee as well.

IV. Upcoming Council Items

Scott Reid stated the joint meeting with the BOCC will be next week. He stated the meeting starts at 2pm with that discussion, and topics include Summit Stage and Housing. He stated there are also many legislative items, including second readings on budget and housing liens, and first readings on Firewise regulations and Demolition by Neglect. Reid also stated the discussions will include a new food and beverage distribution pilot program and golf fees. Reid explained the pilot program in detail. Town Manager Haynes clarified the distribution pilot program will be a voluntary transition at first and it should make delivery easier for businesses. Also, she stated the BGV development will come up at the second meeting in March, and two of the parcels will include employee housing. She stated Council will be discussing the annexation of the Entrada parcel at the next meeting, and they will also be talking about increasing our water rates, which may be challenging for some people. Town Manager Haynes stated the Blue River Pathways redesign of the Riverwalk area will also be coming back to Council. Chair Burns noted that he is excited about the food and beverage distribution model as a way to get delivery vehicles off the road.

V. Upcoming Agenda Topics

Town Manager Haynes stated the BTO will be attending the meeting on March 18th to talk about their marketing and advertising, their programs, and how we can integrate with what they do. Commissioner Walters asked if she should follow up with the Summit Daily News about features of diverse Summit locals, and Chair Burns suggested waiting until after we meet with the BTO so they could be involved.

VI. Other Matters

Chair Burns asked the group to think about subcommittee opportunities with YESS (Youth Empowerment Society of Summit), and stated it would be good to work with them in the future. Town Manager Haynes stated we can add that as an agenda item for the next meeting.

VII. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)

There were no public comments.

Chair Burns adjourned the meeting at 8:23am.