



## LGBTQ+ Advisory Board Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 02/23/2023

Meeting Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Mayor's Office of Community Affairs Office – 51 E Galena Boulevard, Aurora, IL 60505

- Call to Order
  - Meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM by Mike Nelson, COA staff liaison.
- Roll call
  - All board members were present – Ivan Quinones, Sean Li, Brittney Borowicz-Keller, Adam Pauley, Michael Vargas, Briana Moss, Paulene Spika and Zachary Bishop. Frederick Yanos arrived after the roll call occurred.
- Others present/public comment
  - Introduction from Penelope Torres - Board member of the COA Human Relations Commission and board member for Aurora Pride.
- Approval of last month's meeting minutes
  - A motion was made by Adam Pauley – a second motion was made by Zachary Bishop. The entire board was in-favor.
  - January meeting minutes will be posted on the City's website shortly.
- Leadership/elections discussion
  - Chairperson – Adam Pauley stated he would like to fill this role.
  - Vice Chairperson – No interest shown
  - Secretary – No interest shown
  - Treasurer – No interest shown
    - Elections are to occur in March. Board members feel they need additional time to truly understand the rolls, what they entail, etc.

- 2023 Pride weekend
  - Ideas explored:
    - Possible bar crawl – coordinating with downtown restaurants
    - Possible color crawl – coordinating with downtown businesses (restaurants, shops, etc.). Educational twist – educating people on what each color of the LGBTQ+ flag represents
    - Possible scavenger hunt
    - Possible movie night (maybe partnering with the Aurora Civic Center Authority?)
    - Possible Pride Fest – using Stolp Ave in downtown Aurora, between Downer Pl. and Galena Blvd.
    - Possibly participating in the Aurora Pride Parade as a unit
    - Possibly volunteering at the Aurora Pride Parade
    - Possibly hosting a 5K walk and run event
    - Possibly holding a downtown window decorating contest (possibly partnering with Aurora Downtown)
- Discussion on board objectives
  - Year-round Pride events/social gatherings
  - Educational opportunities
  - Monthly or bi-monthly mixers
  - LGBTQ+ connection group
  - Working with a local youth center
- Next Meeting
  - Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> | 6:00 PM | 51 E Galena Boulevard, Aurora, IL 60505.
- Adjournment
  - A motion to adjourn was made by Adam Pauley. A second motion to adjourn was made by Brittney Borowicz-Keller. The entire board was in-favor. The meeting officially adjourned at 7:08 PM.