



LGBTQ+ Advisory Board Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 04/27/2023

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 6:05pm by Adam Pauley, Chairperson.
- Roll call:
 - Brittney Borowicz Keller, Adam Pauley, Paulene Spika, Zachary Bishop, and Frederick Yanos were present. Ivan Quinones, Sean Li, Michael Vargas, and Briana Moss were absent.
 - Also in attendance was Mike Nelson, the Board's staff liaison, and Felicia Freitag, the Board's assistant staff liaison.
- Others present/public comment
 - Presentation from Perry Maier, Executive Director of Open Door Clinic. The Clinic is headquartered in Elgin but has an Aurora Office located at 157 S. Lincoln Avenue. The Clinic provides various services, including STI testing and treatment, and is open to partnering with the Board on educational events and other initiatives.
- Approval of last month's meeting minutes
 - A motion was made by Brittney Borowicz Keller. A second motion was made by Frederick Yanos. The entire Board was in favor.
 - March meeting minutes will be posted on the City's website shortly.

- Board committee breakdown review & updates
 - Social Events Committee
 - The Committee did not meet this past month. Frederick Yanos will take the lead on organizing a meeting with the committee members before the next Board meeting.
 - Brittney Borowicz Keller shared that the Mosaic Players, a traveling theatre company, will be in Aurora in September and October performing a play titled *5 Lesbians Eating a Quiche*. The company is interested in partnering with the Board.
 - Community Outreach & Education Committee
 - The Committee did not meet this past month. Brittney Borowicz Keller will take the lead on organizing a meeting with the committee members before the next Board meeting.
 - Brittney shared that she has been contacting local martial arts schools to see if any would be interested in partnering with the Board on offering a self-defense class for LGBTQ+ people. Two schools are willing to host classes and Brittney will follow up with them on pricing and how many people they would be able to accommodate in a class.
 - Pride Month Committee
 - The Committee did not meet this past month. Brittney Borowicz Keller will take the lead on organizing a meeting with the committee members before the next Board meeting.

- Brittney shared that Aurora Pride is in need of volunteers for the Pride Parade on June 11. There are three committees – security, operations, and floats. She mentioned the Board could also walk in the parade.
- The Board agreed that it would not walk in the parade this year, but rather volunteer with Aurora Pride. Brittney will email the volunteer link to the Board.
- Mike Nelson shared that the City is holding the Pride Flag Raising Ceremony on June 9 at 11am and hopes several Board members will attend.
- For the good of the board
 - Frederick, Mike, Zachary, Paulene, and Adam all shared good news from their personal and professional lives.
- Next meeting
 - Thursday, May 25th | 6:00 PM | 51 E Galena Boulevard, Aurora, IL 60505
- Adjournment
 - A motion to adjourn was made by Zachary Bishop. A second motion was made by Brittney Borowicz Keller. The entire Board was in favor. The meeting officially adjourned at 7:14pm.