



## **LGBTQ+ Advisory Board Special Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date: 07/13/2023**

**Meeting Time: 6:00 PM**

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

- Call to order
  - Meeting was called to order at 6:03pm by Adam Pauley, Chairperson.
- Roll call
  - Zachary Bishop, Brittney Borowicz Keller, Briana Moss, Adam Pauley, Ivan Quinones, Paulene Spika, Michael Vargas, and Frederick Yanos were present. Sean Li was absent. Mike Nelson, the Board's staff liaison, was also absent.
- Others present/public comment
  - Curtis Wilson, a resident of Aurora for seven years, is a member of the Civilian Review Board, Aurora Veteran's Advisory Council, and African American Heritage Advisory Board. He said he attended the meeting to introduce himself and offer to partner on future events. He hopes all the COA boards will work together more on events and projects.
- Chairperson's Report
  - Adam Pauley, chairperson, said that he wants to limit public comments at meetings to three minutes. Specific presenters who reach out beforehand may be granted more time at his discretion. Adam received a copy of City Council's rules for public comment and will edit them for the Board.
  - Adam also wants all of the officers to meet monthly with himself and Mike as the Executive Committee to discuss the strategic direction of the Board, budget matters, and

progress on the Board's initiatives and projects. He hopes this will help the Board follow through on ideas and projects.

- In regards to our budget from the City, Adam said that not all of the money we receive needs to be earmarked for specific expenses. The Board can put together a budget document with our recurring costs that can be approved.
  - Brittney Borowicz Keller asked how detailed the budget request needs to be since we don't have any recurring expenses at the moment. Adam explained that the Executive Board will sit down and identify all potential costs.
  - Adam also clarified that the Board has to meet and vote to approve all expenses, projects, and events and to change the location of our meetings.
- Approval of funds
    - "Brunch & Divas" event at Altiro Aurora on July 15
      - Ivan Quinones, Brittney Borowicz Keller, and Michael Vargas worked with Keri Traid and Altiro Aurora to organize an event celebrating International Drag Day. Keri and Altiro helped them secure the location, entertainers, a photo booth, red carpet, and other supplies. Altiro agreed to donate half of the revenue from admission costs to the ACLU Drag Defense Fund.
      - The Board can be a partner on the event without paying any expenses. Instead, Altiro asked the Board to match its donation to the ACLU Drag Defense Fund, which would cost \$300. Ivan will also need to be reimbursed for paper fans he has already purchased for the event.
      - Brianna Moss made a motion to approve the Board's partnership on the event. Brittney Borowicz Keller seconded. The entire Board was in favor.

- Frederick Yanos motioned for the Board to spend \$300 on the donation to the ACLU Drag Defense Fund, make an additional donation of \$200 to the fund, and spend \$77.88 to reimburse Ivan for the fans. Michael Vargas seconded the motion. The entire Board was in favor.
- Awards
  - Adam Pauley discussed creating a budget line so the Board can spend money on awards and thank you gifts for people who assist with projects.
  - Zachary Bishop motioned to approve a budget line of \$500 that can be spent on awards and thank you gifts at the discretion of the chairperson. Brittney Borowicz Keller seconded the motion. The entire Board was in favor.
- Social media – The Executive Committee will work on getting access to the Facebook account that Mike Nelson set up for the Board. It is unlikely the committee will be able to obtain access in time to advertise for the “Brunch & Divas” event.
- For the good of the board
  - Adam will reach out to the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley to discuss setting up a scholarship fund for the Board.
- Next meeting
  - Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> | 6:00 PM | 51 E Galena Boulevard, Aurora, IL 60505
- Adjournment
  - Briana Moss motioned to adjourn. Brittney Borowicz Keller seconded the motion. The entire Board was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.