

Commission for Diversity, Inclusion and Community Relations
CDICR - meeting minutes 5-14-25
6 - 7pm Town Hall Meeting room

Attendees: Aaron Williams (chair), Scott Mahoney-Wright (vice chair), Celeste Riberio, Anita Preble, (public - John Morgan)

1. Stephen Githinji resigned from the commission
2. Need to recruit new members, but Aaron will check to see if there are any outstanding applications with the town hall
3. Review and approved minutes from last meeting
4. Pride Bike Ride and Potluck event - 6/7/25 (2 - 6) at Ingleside Park
Bike Winthrop is coordinating the ride around town (about 30 min) to start at 2:00

Winthrop Working Together, For Kids Only, Winthrop Parents Network, Commission for Disabilities, CDICR, all have plans to have tables with giveaways at the event - looking for more tables

- Anita will reach out to MRC - Jeanne Maggio and Friends of Belle Isle, other groups are welcome to join
- Nicks will provide sheet pizzas and others can sign up to bring food at Winthroppride.com
- Cheryl McCormick(Asst. Town Manager) is getting desserts for the event
- Letters are going out to business in town soliciting donations for the event - Chamber of Commerce said they could pass along the information
- Public comment: John asked about food safety issues especially if it's hot that day - we discussed bringing ice to keep the food items cold like coleslaw and potato salad
- Also, brought up the question of accessibility to people in wheelchairs if it's at the park on grassy areas. The Commission for Disabilities is looking to purchase mats that can be pathways on grass or sand for wheelchairs. They will need storage area for them. We said that most of the tables, if not all, will be along the paved pathways so

accessibility should not be an issue for this event, but it's a good idea for the future to have those available.

5. Pride Pub Crawl 6/14 (4:00) - group will be divided into 4 pods starting at different locations and rotating around so as not to overwhelm the businesses. There are about 30 people so far signed up. John Morgan mentioned having information available at the Pride Potluck the week before about helping others with disabilities in a respectful way so that if people need help at the pub crawl, we will know how to appropriately help them.

6. Heritage months - a discussion about how to reach out to all the different groups of people represented in town so as to get their input on how we can highlight and support them through the commission.

- Consider how do people receive information?
- Have some discussion groups in the fall?

7. I Love Winthrop Festival 6/21 (12 - 4) Winthrop center - being coordinated by Jason Karge owner of Drop Zone - part of the Winthrop Leadership Council. They are trying to recruit people to have tables. \$50 for vendor, \$100 for Food Vendor table, CDICR will be involved.

8. Commission on Disabilities meeting is next Wed 5/21 at 6:00 in the Harvey room at town hall. John asked if someone could come to update the group on the things we discussed tonight and Celeste offered to go. The Accessible Adventure will not happen this year but will return next year 2026.

9. Protests against deportation have been happening at the bridge by Belle Isle seafood on Saturday mornings from 10 - 12

Next CDICR meeting will be 6/11