

Observed Meeting: Diversity Equity & Inclusion Commission Date March 10, 2026
 LWV Observer: Ramona Bryant Time 3:00 pm

	Yes	No	Comments
Members			
All members present?		x	Candy Cleary absent
Members attentive & involved?	x		
Members courteous to each other and public?	x		
Any members recuse themselves?		x	
Agenda			
Agenda available prior to and during meeting?	x		
Agenda followed?	x		
Agenda amended?	x		
Non-agenda items discussed?	x		
Was time given to public input?	x		

Action:

Please provide a brief, impartial summary of the meeting, including key issues discussed, significant actions taken, and other observations:

Kelle Vandenberg, Ellensburg Downtown Association, presented plans for Kittitas County America 250 celebration. Countywide activities are planned for Flag Day and Fourth of July in Cle Elum and Ellensburg. Arts Commission and EDA are co-sponsors

City staff presented an update to City comprehensive plan for climate change relating to housing. Noted areas of community vulnerabilities are: low income populations, CWU students, aging adults, the physically disabled, the unhoused and adding farm workers. Hazards noted are heat/cold, safe space, and health risks related to all.

Changes relating to DEI City code chapter 1.88 were discussed. City staff previously made the recommendation to change the name to **Community Access and**

Engagement Commission. Commissioners requested that the title include the word Equity. A suggestion of **Access, Equity & Engagement** was agreed upon. The discussion will move back to Council for consideration at the March 16th City Council meeting. An objection to reinserting “equity” back into the name was raised in a public comment.

Rhonda Schmitt, Liaison with Ellensburg School District, reported the the District has nearly completed work on the DOJ survey and will report on it at the April meeting.

If minutes were posted online, please provide a link:

If a vote on an ordinance will be taken later, please provide the name or number of the ordinance and the date of the vote:

Changes to City Ordinance chapter 1.88 will be reviewed at CC meeting March 16.

Do you recommend local League action on any of these issues?

What action do you recommend, i.e., support, oppose, study, inform the community, other (please specify):