

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Paul, City Council, and Leadership Team

From: Margy Greer, City Clerk
Ethen Westbrook, ACIC Coordinator

Date: 01/16/2018

Re: 2017 Fourth Quarter Report - Status of Assignments and Recommendations from the Advisory Commission for an Inclusive Community (ACIC)

The following is a review of the progress of the Advisory Commission for an Inclusive Community (ACIC) during the fourth quarter of 2017. The review contains updates on assignments and/or recommendations that were made, completed, or are still in the working stages during the fourth quarter of 2017.

ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATE

ACIC members continued to serve as ACIC Ambassadors. Member Bruce Feustel continued to attend the Foothills Animal Shelter meetings as an ambassador and will continue to send staff ambassador reports to pass onto City Council. Member Heide Barthel continued to attend the Jefferson County Parks - Open Space Advisory Committee meetings as an ambassador. Member Trish Merkel continued to attend and send ambassador reports for the Jeffco Public Schools -Board of Education meetings. Member Laurence Leiber served as an ambassador and attended meetings for the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners. He continued to send ambassador reports for this entity.

ACIC Sustainability Committee member Laurence Leiber presented the proposal on Energy Efficiency in Neighborhoods to City Council during the fourth quarter. The proposal was accepted by City Council and recommended to send the proposal to staff.

During the fourth quarter, members Cindy Gerck, Ron Jones, Joseph MacHatton, and Laura Stevens resigned after completing their first terms. ACIC member John Danahey became term limited as of 12/31/2017.

In October, Director of Planning Travis Parker spoke and gave a presentation on the functions of the City of Lakewood Planning Department, the Lakewood Comprehensive Plan, Zoning, Sustainability, and public assistance.

In November, Ron Ritschard from the City of Lakewood City Manager's Office, spoke on the City of Lakewood website, how to access the information on the website, and the future of the website.

The December Full Commission meeting was cancelled due to the holidays.

2016 PROJECT/ASSIGNMENT UPDATE

Energy Efficiency in Neighborhoods

The Sustainability Committee is working on a City Council assignment to research what other cities in the region do to encourage energy efficiency in neighborhoods, private residencies, as well as local businesses.

Status: Complete. The Sustainability Committee presented the assignment proposal to City Council during the fourth quarter of 2017. City Council recommended to send the proposal to City of Lakewood staff.

2017 PROJECT/ASSIGNMENT UPDATE

ACIC Name Change

An ACIC ad hoc committee was established to research and recommend a possible name change (if any) for ACIC; and determine possible a mission/purpose statement to better reflect who we are and what we do.

Status: In Progress. The committee is currently compiling research and information to create proposal.

Youth Tobacco

The Neighborhoods Committee is working on a City Council assignment to research and recommend a solution for each of the following issues: 1) usage of tobacco by youth in the City of Lakewood; and 2) if the City of Lakewood should license tobacco sales. Follow the ensuing criteria: a) utilize research already completed by City Council and City of Lakewood staff; b) research state and local laws as well as ordinances of what other cities do to regulate tobacco usage and licensing; c) research alternatives and consequences of regulating tobacco usage; d) research how E-cigarettes and new upcoming tobacco technologies would be affected by any regulations; e) and provide one definite recommendation for each issue stated above.

Status: In Progress. The Committee is continuing research and gaining information.

Car Free Day

The Sustainability Committee is working on a City Council assignment to research and recommend a Car Free Day focusing on: 1) location; 2) the financial impact on businesses; 3) when to hold the event; 4) option to partner with other events or festivals; 5) ability for emergency services to respond to calls; 6) cost to hold the event; and 7) if electronic bicycles should be included.

Status: In Progress. The Committee is continuing research and gaining information.