<u>Minutes for 7/21/2026 KCCHR meeting:</u>

1. Meeting called to order at 6:34 by chair Jim Manlove. All members present except for Erika Anderson (excused) and Pam VanOverbeke (excused). The County representative was Chris Cooley. Introductions were made by all members. No individuals from the general public were present.
2. Barb pointed out a correction to the agenda – next meeting will be held at the Island Lake facility instead of Eagle's Nest due to the County Fair utilizing the Eagle's Nest building. Otherwise, the agenda looked good, Barb moved to approve and Patrick seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Spenser moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting and Leiyomi seconded. Everyone voted to approve except Barb, who abstained.
3. The Group Agreements were read.
4. Pam was scheduled to lead the centering moment, and Jim suggested we skip this since she was not present, unless someone wanted to step in to assume that responsibility. Patrick offered to lead the group in a scream, which happened instead. No one was identified to lead the centering moment for next month's meeting.
5. Mention was made of the "Civics are a Drag" event put on by Patrick. Barb commented that the event was informational and fun, and a great use of time should the event occur again, everyone was encouraged to attend. Jim wanted to recognize and appreciate the leadership displayed by Patrick in putting on such an event.
6. Committee meeting reports:
    a. Community Outreach – Rachel: defer until the discussion of the Pride event
    b. Communications – Erika: absent, but Rebekah informed the group that this committee did not meet since last meeting
    c. Analytics/Research/Insight – Spencer: did not meet, but wanted to advise the group that 2 of the last 3 incidents where our metrics were voted on, Housing was the top priority, by a LOT. Spencer recommends putting that as our top priority after food security. Spencer also mentioned having several members of the public's contact information that has been collected at the last events. Spencer was encouraged to send those to Chris Cooley to get added to our email list.
    d. Event Development – Jim: spoke about Pride and that the committee's work this last month was in preparation for the Pride event.
    e. Marketing/Promotion/Advertising-Patrick: the committee didn't meet but Patrick shared some concerns about our timeline with respect to the LGA

and making sure we didn't repeat last year. Some discussion was had but also delayed full discussion as the LGA is its own item later on the agenda

7. No members of the public present.
8. Pride recap: Leiyomi and Patrick read the Commissioner's Proclamation, thanks to them for doing a great job. Leiyomi wanted to point out some things in need of updating so the Commissioners could be aware. First, this was the 26th year of the event, yet the proclamation said it was the 30th. Additionally, the proclamation declared June to be Pride month, but the event was in July, wasn't it for June AND July or just July? Mixed messages from what the intent of the Commissioners was. Rachel commented that we also had bad information, our sign-ups began at 2 pm for set-up but it was discovered we were supposed to be fully set up by 2, not just showing up at 2. Luckily, Rachel was able to work quickly but having this information in advance would have been better. Usually, there is an informational email that gets sent out to all of the groups boothing at the event, we did not get one, which probably has to do with a break in communication between the county and the council (rather than between the Pride organizers and the council). There were protestors at the gate to the event, they were pushed out to the curb, there were allies holding signs right next to them, seemed to be peaceful for the most part. There were many people at Pride who endorsed adding "People with Disabilities" as a cup in our pebble game. Rachel also spoke with one youth who was interested in possibly joining the council. The other lists of people interested in being on our mailing list is still with the bin, Jim will look for that and provide it to Chris Cooley.
9. Letter endorsing disability – Patrick read the letter he drafted. Barb raised a question about whether "disability" is still an ok term to use, no one was sure about that. After some discussion, Barb moved that we post the letter, either in its current form or with a change to the terminology (but not content) if Patrick learns of a different, better term to use. Spencer 2nd. Motion carried.
10. LGA – Rachel spoke about the work she has done to make the Linda Gabriel Award process run more smoothly. She laid out the timeline, and has a form for scoring rubric we can use. Spencer commented about people who need to recuse themselves from voting on any particular nominee.
11. Discussion was had about the Food Access Forum, with Erika absent was hard to make definite plans as she has everything pretty much ready to go except a firm date and a venue.
12. For the Good of the Order:
    a. Patrick – Ballots are out! Don't rely on USPS
    b. Jim mentioned that he sat in on BHA meeting where they were taking testimony from members of the public about the newest housing plans. 2

main views – “not in my backyard” and “yes, let’s do it!” Will be interesting to see what they do. (This discussion occurred earlier in the meeting but belonged here, so this is where the note-taker chose to add it)

c. Leiyomi mentioned how September 15th is the beginning of Latinx Heritage month; would someone want to draft a letter to send out in support? Also, Leiyomi indicated she could reach out to Martita May as a speaker.
d. Matt said he could get someone to speak at our August meeting regarding housing issues, and would confirm if he is able to do that
e. Discussion was had about an event at OC – possibly for orientation
f. Rachel mentioned how lots of events are (1) multi-day, and (2) require $$ to register a table. Neither of which fits our purposes.

13. Rebekah moves to adjourn, Leiyomi 2nds. Meeting adjourned @ 7:35.