



# LGBTQIA+ TASKFORCE

MARCH 29, 2021

## ATTENDEES

Cami Richardson, Co-Chair

Fr. Bob Bussen

Jacob Dunford

Tim Henney

Taylor Matkins

Joseph Urankar

Leah Langan, Co-Chair

Kris Campbell

Karen Hammerman

Linda Jager

Andy Stevenson

Mitchell Walski

### I. Welcome

Leah Langan welcomed everyone in attendance and gave a brief background on the formation of the taskforce.

### II. Introductions

As new members joined the taskforce since the last meeting, each attendee introduced themselves.

### III. Park City Municipal Corp (PCMC) Update

Leah provided an update on what has occurred at the City since the group last met:

- The Tech dept is currently updating the Social Equity website with previous meeting minutes, a quote from Mayor Andy and one centralized email address ([lgbtqia@parkcity.org](mailto:lgbtqia@parkcity.org).) The changes can be viewed here: [Social Equity Initiatives | Park City, UT](#)
- Sundance Institute reached out and is interested in participating in the taskforce. Leah and Lynn Ware-Peek will meet with their Development Director to assess what a potential partnership could look like.
- Leah and Lynn presented to Council on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> to request a formal liaison to be appointed to the taskforce. Council Member Tim Henney graciously accepted the role.

### IV. City Council Liaison

Tim Henney thanked the group for their work and shared that he is a 29-year resident of Park City and has gained awareness of the challenges of many marginalized groups. He spoke about the importance

of cultivating a true sense of belonging and creating safe spaces. Tim seeks to be an effective ally welcomes feedback and direction from the taskforce on how to best serve the LGBTQIA+ community.

## V. **Open Discussion**

Community Survey: Cami Richardson launched the open discussion portion of the meeting by revisiting the idea of conducting a community survey which would assist in gaging current needs within the community. She asked if the Park City Community Foundation could be engaged or if it should be created within this group. Linda Jager responded that survey tools exist within PCMC which can be used in collaboration any partner in the City. Cami asked if we can aim to have a draft of the questionnaire prepared for group review by the end of next month and offered to be the lead as she was involved with creating a survey with TEA (Transgender Education Advocates.)

Group Name & Vision: The conversation shifted to a discussion about renaming the group. It was previously discussed that term “taskforce” can indicate a temporary issue/cause at hand versus a long-term endeavor. Cami asked Mitchell Walski to share his process behind naming the Facebook group “Park City Pride.” Mitchell stated the name came about as the group was formed to be an outlet for residents to come together and agreed that “taskforce” signifies a temporary effort. Linda suggested the term “Community Collective.”

Cami posed the question that though the taskforce is sponsored by PCMC, should it include the Wasatch Back & not limit the name to Park City.

Joseph Urankar shared that it will be important as we discuss regional involvement to think about if we want to join or be separate from existing groups such as the Wasatch Back LGBTQIA+ Coalition. Tim stated PCMC is offering a platform that may have multiple tracks but does not have a monopoly on how organization occurs as it should be community led. Leah echoed Tim’s statements that PCMC has the infrastructure to initiate and assist in the formation of the group, but the goal is for the group be community led.

Jacob Dunford of Encircle offered the use of any of their locations for events or meetings as well as the use of their mailing list to broaden the reach of our messaging.

Joseph posed the idea of keeping the taskforce title as we identify the group’s vision and unveil a new name/branding once the long-term mission is clearer. Cami asked Joseph and Mitchell if they would be willing to work together to brainstorm group name ideas for the next meeting. Both Joseph and Mitchell agreed.

Fr. Bob Bussen asked if any contact has been made with Summit County Council regarding our efforts. Leah and Tim responded that no contact has been made yet but could reach out to invite them to join.

### Pride Month:

June is quickly approaching so the group spoke about how to raise community awareness. Leah stated that pride flags and banners are slated to be hung by June 1<sup>st</sup> and will begin drafting a Council declaration to officially recognize June as Pride Month in Park City.

Joseph commented that the current banners do not appear to be Pride identifying and would like to see a more specific design moving forward. When supporting minority communities, clear messaging is extremely important. Karen Hammerman agreed and stated the most current pride flags with the updated colors should be used in the future.

Tim stated the group has a lot of bandwidth to make things happen throughout multiple counties, but the governmental process takes time.

Planning for the Fourth of July parade is proceeding, subject to COVID restrictions. Cami suggested forming a committee to brainstorm how the group should participate. Karen volunteered to help chair the committee.

Other:

The group would like to involve the local GSA group. Jacob offered to facilitate a conversation with one of Encircle's board members who is linked to the GSA.

Taylor Matkins of Lucky Ones is planning Drag Queen Story Times and shows this summer and offered to distribute any survey literature or fliers at the store.

**VI. Standing Meeting Confirmation**

The group agreed to the standing meeting occurrence: Last Monday of the month, 3pm.

**VII. Adjourn**

