

Diversity Roundtable
Achieving a Culture that Values Diversity
Greater Lafayette Commerce
Thursday, August 6, 2026
11:30 am – 1:00 pm
The Arts Federation (TAF) and Zoom

Minutes
Impacting Change in Issues of Diversity and Inclusion
DiversityTippecanoe.org

1. Welcome/Introductions – Barb Clark, Sheila Rosenthal, Christopher Munt, Ben Davis, Halee Griffey, Sheryl Singleton, Adelia Sorge, Don Scheiber, Sara Atkins, Tetia Lee, Jos Holman, Kay Pechin
2. Program – Solar Energy Ordinance, Ben Davis. Sheila Rosenthal introduced Ben to the group. Sheila introduced Ben; they met through mutual interests. Ben volunteers with Solar United Neighbors. He has had solar energy at his home since 2022. He has been involved and provided testimony to the Area Planning Commission.
There was a lot of controversy regarding the Rainbow Trout proposed last year. At that time, they put a one-year moratorium in place to review the current ordinance that was passed in 2021. Some of the issues regarding the ordinance include:
 - Lots of contention
 - Pushback regarding covering up farmland
 - After the year, the ordinance that was put forward caused a de facto band in Tippecanoe County including:
 - A minimum of 100 feet and a maximum of 500 feet of setback
 - A 400-acre project size cap
 - Projects are required to be contiguous
 - One mile distance between projects
Per a recent Ball State Study:
 - Counties with restrictive renewable bans will lose a minimum of \$800M/year
 - Bands don't affect the county only; counties that border with restriction will see an \$80M loss
 - There are negative impacts on employment
 - Counties with restrictions also experience slower growth in assessed value and local revenue.
3. Announcements - Barb Clark
 - a. Summer Festivals: Barb stated that we are having greater challenges in recruiting volunteers for the event. Our priority right now is to fill all the slots for OUTFest. If

anyone is interested in filling the third shift, please go to the link or let Barb know as soon as possible. If we can't fill all the slots, we may not do this again in future years.

b. Sign Up Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084BA9AE2AABF5C16-64369695-drtfestival>

- i. OUTFest – August 15th, 4 – 9 pm, Main St & Fifth St
- ii. Latino Festival – September 12th, noon – 5 pm, Columbian Park
- iii. Global Fest – September 19th, 3 – 10 pm, WL City Hall

c. Other announcements

- i. Alzheimer's Association is hosting a conference for caregivers in Dayton that includes a free lunch (it is a free conference). Please help spread the word to those that would be interested.

4. Future Topics – Barb Clark (5 minutes)

- a. Sept 3 –No Kings (Christopher Munt)
- b. Oct 1 – Purdue CDF Freedom School, Tammy Conard-Salvo (Sheila Rosenthal)
- c. Nov 5 – Food Finders, Kier Crites (Tetia Lee)
- d. Dec 3 -