

## EOC Staff Report – September 2025

### A. Commissioner update

9 Commissioners

### B. Follow up and/or inquiries from last meeting

#### 1. Global Fest

Approval to proceed?

- As long as the event fits within the objective of the EOC's charge, there would be authority for the EOC to establish this. Budget may be an issue.
- Excerpt from ordinance, "The commission may initiate special projects to enhance opportunities for traditionally excluded groups; collaborate with a wide range of individuals and organizations in the county to provide positive means of engaging the community in equal opportunities; and design initiatives and support existing efforts to increase cooperation and enhance understanding among diverse populations".

Funding, type of event, and partnering?

- Due to this being a community focused event, the OEI would like to sponsor it, pending approval.
- It was suggested to rethink the title with the word global and focus on Dane County or a community type title.

It was suggested that staff follow up with Dane County - Alliant Energy Center (AEC)

<https://alliantenergycenter.com/>

- Staff communicated with Ben Gordon – Sales Coordinator at Alliant Energy Center.
- The rates depend on type of event being held.
- Weekend availability may be tough, weekdays are better.
- AEC has 13 meeting rooms and 4 Exhibition Halls, which are larger spaces
- AEC can provide equipment, there may be a cost.
- Better quotes can be provided if certain information is given e.g., number of people, what's in the spaces.
- AVOID – Last week of September and first week of October, due to World Dairy Expo event.

#### 2. Youth Attending Commission meetings

Q: Can community partners bring youth into meetings to speak and share?

A: Yes. Meetings should be instructional to provide a conducive learning atmosphere. Be mindful of topics being discussed and behavior being displayed in front of youth.

### C. Current Complaints and Resolutions

#### 1. None