

DIVERSITY AND HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FL

January 18, 2022

The regular meeting of the **DIVERSITY AND HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD** was called to order at 6:32 P.M. by Chair Hicks-Lee at the Southwest Focal Point Senior Center in the Main Hall.

DIVERSITY AND HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD

Present: Chair Hicks-Lee; Members Tewari, Azad, Brewster, Edwards, Potter, Landrian, Zacarias, Acuna, and Prospect

Absent: Vice Chair Burns; Members Comfort, Sicard, Mathew, Surin, and Burgess

Also Present: Jay Shechter, Liaison; Heather Needelman, Assistant City Attorney; Nadia Ally, Board Secretary

EXCUSED ABSENCES

On a motion by Member Landrian, seconded by Member Azad, to excuse the absences of Vice Chair Burns and Members Sicard and Comfort, passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Hicks-Lee noted a revision to be made in the November 16, 2021 meeting minutes.

On a motion by Member Landrian, seconded by Member Potter, to approve the meeting minutes of November 16, 2021, with revisions, passed unanimously.

LIAISON REPORT

Liaison Shechter reviewed the Arts and Culture event calendar, which will be emailed to members.

OLD BUSINESS

Chair Hicks-Lee did an icebreaker activity where she distributed Skittles and asked members who volunteered questions based on the color.

Chair Hicks-Lee opened discussion on the 2022 meeting schedule. She suggested going through August and not skipping December. Member Potter said the board should meet every month.

On a motion by Member Potter, seconded by Member Landrian, to meet every month except July and August, passed.

Members discussed suggestions on criteria for the Dream Park. Chair Hicks-Lee read Members Sicard suggestions that was emailed due to her absence. Member Tewari suggested local heroes and adding why and what service they provided. Member Potter suggested people local to South Florida. Chair Hicks-Lee advised members to send criteria to the board secretary one week prior to the next meeting.

Chair Hicks-Lee asked about speakers attending the Diversity and Heritage Advisory Board meetings. Member Tewari suggested Chair of Education Board, Chair of Arts and Culture Board, Community Services Department, Parks and Recreation Department, and Pines Media. Liaison Shechter will see who is available to speak.

Member Acuna asked Liaison Shechter if he can contact Broward College regarding the MLK Day of Service to restart the program in Pembroke Pines and to speak to the board.

Chair Hicks-Lee asked about recommendations to the City Commission. Attorney Needelman said recommendations can be made through annual report or the liaison.

On a motion by Member Potter, seconded by Member Edwards, to recommend to the City Commission that members of the Diversity and Heritage Advisory Board would like to be accessed as resources when schools in Pembroke Pines are looking for presenters on the subject matter of diversity and heritage, passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Hicks-Lee began a discussion of events to focus on. Member Acuna suggested to focus on the newsletter and make it accessible to those who do not speak English.

On a motion by Member Acuna, seconded by Member Potter, to add to this year's things to do is make the newsletter accessible in other languages, passed.

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hicks-Lee adjourned the meeting at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nadia Ally

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Board Secretary

Approved: 2/15/2022