

DIVERSITY AND HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FL

May 17, 2022

The workshop meeting of the **DIVERSITY AND HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD** was called to order at 6:33 P.M. by Chair Hicks-Lee at the Southwest Focal Point Senior Center in the Main Hall. **The regular meeting began at 6:35 P.M. when quorum was made.**

DIVERSITY AND HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD

Present: Chair Hicks-Lee; Vice Chair Burns; Members Tewari, Azad, Brewster, Burgess, Potter, Surin, Acuna, and Prospect

Absent: Members Jacobs-Reed, Comfort, Sicard, Edwards, Landrian, and Mathew

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

LIAISON REPORT

Liaison Shechter discussed the handouts he provided for the board members, including the annual report draft and Robert's Rules.

Member Burns informed members that she was appointed by Vice Mayor Schwartz of district two and asked members to ratify her position as Vice Chair.

On a motion by Member Surin, seconded by Member Burgess, to reaffirm Member Burns' position as Vice Chair, passed unanimously.

EXCUSED ABSENCES

There was none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Member Tewari, seconded by Member Surin, to approve the meeting minutes of April 19, 2022, as presented, passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Member Tewari asked about the parks masterplan. He said he spoke with the director and there is still time to discuss and make recommendations. Member Surin said the process needs to be finalized. Chair Hicks-Lee reminded members to send recommendations of names to the board secretary.

NEW BUSINESS

Member Surin spoke on Haitian Flag day and gave a brief background and overview.

Member Tewari gave an overview of Jewish Heritage Month, which included scriptures, religious holidays, and clothing.

Chair Hicks-Lee asked for volunteers to present in June. Member Burgess will speak on Juneteenth and Member Acuna will speak on Pride Month.

Chair Hicks-Lee reviewed the draft annual report with board members. She recommended that next year, the board should start working on events. Member Acuna asked about added a conclusion to the annual report. Chair Hicks-Lee mentioned they are only reporting on this year. Attorney Needelman clarified the ordinance regarding the annual report.

On a motion by Member Potter, seconded by Member Tewari, to approve the annual report, passed unanimously.

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hicks-Lee adjourned the meeting at 7:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nadia Ally

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Board Secretary

Approved: 9/20/2022