MINUTES OF THE DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

ELK GROVE CITY HALL
8400 Laguna Palms Way
Elk Grove, CA 95758
Council Chambers

Tuesday, May 18, 2021.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:
The Diversity and Inclusion Commission meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM

Members present: Dr. Bhavin Parikh; Jessica Carter; Rev. Dr. Raymond Hess; Tina Lee-Vogt; Jinky Dolar

Staff:
Kristyn Laurence, Public Affairs Manager
Jodie Moreno, Community Events and Special Projects Coordinator
Hannah Gray, Elk Grove Police Department PIO

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

No Quorum

3. APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES:

No quorum

4. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

o No update

5. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

o City Liaison Report – confirming May 26 City Council Meeting will include the presentation of the Juneteenth Proclamation – Kristyn will send information to Jessica and Tina for logging into the meeting

o Carrie Whitlock in Strategic Planning and Innovation Office wanted to ask us to support implementation of recently adopted Community Mobility Resilience Plan – looking at ways to protect our environment, they have members from SMUD, local environmental non-profit, etc., looking for additional members – time commitment is two to four 90-minute meetings per year with a 2-year commitment. Looking to organize starting in June.
o PD Report – Annual Report is published and available on the web page with all information for 2020 for EGPD. This month’s sticker is about community, available at the department and Rescate Café
o Big Truck Day tomorrow at Elk Grove Regional Park from 10-2

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/REPORTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

o Jinky attended Stop Asian Hate rally at the Capitol – over 30 different organizations – they spoke about unity against hate – very successful, live with ABC news
o Rev. Hess – Article in Sac Bee about militarization of police departments – Elk Grove was included in this – this is only brought out for pre-planned events (ex: search warrant or hostage situations) to allow for officers to get to a scene or injured officer or community member safely. EGPD got a new vehicle in 2014. Sometimes brought out for open houses because some kids like to see the large vehicles
o Rev. Hess – a new roster would be helpful with contact information for other commissioners
o Bhavin - Vaccines are now open for ages 12 and up
o Bhavin – many countries are experiencing a surge in Covid cases. India is currently experiencing a shortage of critical supplies during their ongoing surge – about $25,000 were raised through Sacramento area to buy oxygen concentrators to send to India. There is another fundraiser to build oxygen plants in rural and urban areas – approximately $30,000 raised and another $30,000 needed – Bhavin will send flyer and details to Kristyn to share with Commission. All proceeds go directly to the cause

7. REGULAR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

7.1 SUBJECT: No Place for Hate Update
COMMISSION DISCUSSION/ACTION:
   o No update

7.2 SUBJECT: Pride Month Proclamation and Activities Update
COMMISSION DISCUSSION/ACTION:
   o Elk Grove Methodist Church is putting some activities together for Pride Month
   o City Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion team is inviting D&I Commission to participate in events
     o They are planning to create shirts. Link will be sent tomorrow via email to reserve a free shirt. Ordering deadline is Tuesday, May 25.
     o A special pride pin is being developed and can be reserved through the same link
   o There will be a booth at the Neighborgood Market on June 17 at District 56
7.3 SUBJECT: Schedule/Topics for 2021-22 Education Series
COMMISSION DISCUSSION/ACTION:
  o Create subcommittees for each quarter – Subcommittee can decide how we’d like to set the series
  o Potentially use August as kickoff event to announce education series
  o First one could be Hispanic Heritage Month
  o Possible panel discussions and other activities such as highlighting members of the community and their art/cooking/skills/businesses they can share
  o Culture from downtown Sac, La Lotería

7.4 SUBJECT: Diversity Month Events and Activities Planning Session
COMMISSION DISCUSSION/ACTION:
  o Jodie presented options and ideas for Diversity Month and using the NeighborGood Market to provide entertainment. We can have inter-faith, non-profits, etc. with booths at the market as well
  o Email will be sent to Commission for volunteers to lead Diversity Month Events (Entertainment, Faith, Food, and Art)
  o Raquel will start communicating with Jodie for Art

8. ADJOURNMENT:

   No Quorum