MINUTES OF THE DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
ELK GROVE CITY HALL
8400 Laguna Palms Way
Elk Grove, CA 95758
Council Chambers

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:
The Diversity and Inclusion Commission meeting was called to order at 6:06pm

Members Present:
Tina Lee-Vogt- Chair
Jessica Carter- Vice Chair- Excused
Michael Thomas, Communication Lead
Delia Baulwin-Excused
Brent Burfield
Jinky Dolar
Kelly Le
Bhavin Parikh
Jenny Rodriquez
Reina Tarango

Staff:
Jason Jimenez

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Motion to approve by Bhavin Parikh
Second by Michael Thomas, All in favor

3. APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES:
Motion to approve by Reina Tarango
Second by Bhavin Parikh, All in favor

4. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:
Shout out to Nascar racer from Elk Grove, Kyle Larson for making to top 5 drivers in Nascar Cup Series
Saturday, March 16th Solidarity with Palestine event was nice

5. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:
   • Jason reminded us regarding Smithsonian event, if you have not gotten postcard invite, contact him to notify school district.
   • DUI checkpoint on Friday, March 21st
• Annual report for 2023 to be released
  • Hiring
  • Crime stats
  • Community events
  • Etc.
  (2023 included 2 hate crimes- there is a decline from last few years)
• Coffee with a cop on 4/3 at McDonalds on EGB
• Graduating 1st class of 2024- Citizens Academy- (11 week academy)
  o Working on a 6-week teens program (aiming for summer 2024)
  o Intent is to provide transparency on how the program works

5.1 Introduction of new member, Brent Burfield
• Works with Seat at the Table as operations manager for community initiative (nonprofit)
• Membership with Stonewall Democrats
• Rainbow Chamber involvement (LGBTQ)

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/REPORTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

• Bhavin Parikh: Interfaith council of Elk Grove
  In front of city hall- faith leaders encouraged peace in the community

  OCA- GACL- Washington DC leadership summit, nominated from Sac Chapter, went to white house, met Chief of Staff/Policy advisor- mental health focus, receptive and fruitful meeting.

  Other topics included, anti-hate, immigration, gun violence, resources for kids in the school

  He gave our commission a shout out.

• Kelly Le: Norcal Vietnamese Chamber, VACOS board installation 5/18, Mayor and Vice Mayor will be there. Will be installed as President.

• Jinky: AAPI heritage month events will be coming up- OCA will be having 29th year gala, over 500 people
  Domestic Violence month- My Sister House gala as well
  Lu Mien festival Hiram Johnson High School – 10am-4pm

• Reina: May MMIW Event to take place at the State Capitol
  Tribes from around the state will be coming up (first week of May)

• Tina: Reminder: Mayor’s State of the City 3/29
• Ohm: State of the Youth Forum: Get to know what the city does for teens, 3/21
  Family Fun 4/13

• Jenny: Dance on the Edge- first event was 3/15- great reviews, next event 4/19 District 56 at 6pm

• Brent: Seat at the table hosting EG Speaks 3/26

7. Regular agenda action items/recommendations

• 7.1 Review draft for proclamation National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People
  Motion to approve by Jinky Dolar
  Second by Kelly Le, All in favor

• 7.2 Review draft for proclamation for Vietnamese American Heritage Month
  Motion to approve w/changes by Reina
  Second by Bhavin Parikh, All in favor
  Note: Kelly would like to have the proclamation presented at the Board Installation Gala 5/18.

• 7.3 Subcommittee Reports

  7.3.1 Cultural Connections: Filipino Heritage Month
    o Meeting to be scheduled- Tina will send note out to see availability for meeting
      ▪ Format
      ▪ City of Elk Grove- Helps with event space

  7.3.2 Equity Engagement:
    o No updates at this time

  7.3.3 Multicultural Connections:
    o All hands-on deck on day of
    o September 14th- 10am-5pm
      ▪ Free for non profit

  7.3.4 Sister Cities:
    o No updates at this time

  7.3.5 City Code of Ethics:
    o Meeting to be scheduled

Committee Discussion/Action:

Adjourn at 6:58 by Reina Tarango
Second by Jinky Dolar, All in favor