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**DIVERSITY AND HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FL**

## **REGULAR MEETING**

January 19, 2021

The regular meeting of the **DIVERSITY AND HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD** was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Chair Burns via WebEx.

### **DIVERSITY AND HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD**

**Present:** Members Tewari, Hicks-Lee, Azad, Brewster, Sicard, Burns, Potter, Landrian, Mathew, Surin, Rosado, and Prospect

**Absent:** Members Comfort, Edwards, Zacarias, and Acuna

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

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### **OATH OF OFFICE**

Member Ram Tewari was appointed as a District 1 regular member and took the Oath of Office.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Member Shauna Hicks-Lee, seconded by Member Ali Azad, to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2020 Diversity and Heritage meeting passed unanimously.

### **EXCUSED ABSENCES**

On a motion by Member Louis Landrian, seconded by Member Shauna Hicks-Lee, to approve the excused absence of Member Opal Comfort passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

On a motion by Member Ram Tewari, seconded by Vice Chair Jeffrey Potter, to accept the two minute time limit for members of the advisory board to speak, passed.

Chair Elizabeth Burns presented information on Caribbean American Heritage Month, which included the 2006 Proclamation issued by the President. She asked for a motion to present to the City Commission. Member Annabel Brewster suggested to make it Caribbean and African American Heritage Month. Member Nora Rosado reminded the board of the International Festival that was discussed at previous meetings. Member Nora Rosado suggested to prepare different proposals. Chair Elizabeth Burns presented a calendar of monthly/annual activities that she created and submitted for the board for acceptance. She also requested a motion to present to the City Commission. Member Ram Tewari requested that the list be emailed to the board.

On a motion by Member Shauna Hicks-Lee, seconded by Vice Chair Jeffrey Potter, to recommend to the commission to look at the calendar, passed.

On a motion by Member Shauna Hicks-Lee, seconded by Member Ron Surin, to discuss Juneteenth curriculum for schools on the next agenda. Member Aude Sicard made an amendment to include Haitian Flag Day. The motion passed.

On a motion by Member Annabel Brewster, seconded by Member Ram Tewari, to add recognition for Africans on the next agenda, passed.

## **REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 P.M. by Chair Elizabeth Burns.

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Respectfully submitted,

Nadia Ally

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Board Secretary

**Approved: 2/16/2021**