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DIVERSITY AND HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FL

REGULAR MEETING

February 16, 2021

The regular meeting of the **DIVERSITY AND HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD** was called to order at 6:33 P.M. by Chair Burns via WebEx.

DIVERSITY AND HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD

Present: Members Tewari, Hicks-Lee, Azad, Comfort, Brewster, Sicard, Edwards, Burns, Landrian, Rosado, Acuna, and Prospect

Absent: Members Potter, Mathew, Surin, and Zacarias

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Member Shauna Hicks-Lee, seconded by Member Louis Landrian, to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2021 Diversity and Heritage meeting passed unanimously.

EXCUSED ABSENCES

On a motion by Member Shauna Hicks-Lee, seconded by Member Lory Edwards, to approve the excused absence of Member Michelle Acuna from the January 19, 2021 meeting and Member Ron Surin from the February 16, 2021 meeting passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Member Aude Sicard inquired about the Black Lives Matter ideas that were discussed in previous meetings.

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On a motion by Member Aude Sicard, seconded by Member Shauna Hicks-Lee, to put a recommendation to the commission regarding BLM on the agenda for next meeting, passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Member Shauna Hicks-Lee discussed Juneteenth in the last Diversity and Heritage meeting and would like to take it to the commission. She will prepare a document for next meeting.

Member Louis Landrian expressed that they will not know when ideas will be put in place and does not want things to be put aside.

Member Tewari inquired about what other boards are doing and an update on meeting in person. Liaison Jay Shechter will find out what other boards are doing and report at next meeting.

Member Aude Sicard discussed Haitian Flag Day and will write a letter.

Member Annabel Brewster discussed recognition for Africans and will also make a letter to present to the board.

Liaison Jay Shechter updated the board that he submitted the list of activities discussed in the January 19, 2021 meeting to the City Administration.

On a motion by Chair Elizabeth Burns, seconded by Member Ram Tewari, to present to the City Commission Jamaican Independence Day, St. Patrick's Day, Muslim EIDS Dedication, Jewish Celebration/Recognition, Diwali, Haitian Flag Day, and Recognition for Africans, passed.

Member Nora Rosado presented a powerpoint on El Sistema.

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REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Member Michelle Acuna suggested Pride Month and Member Lory Edwards suggested Autism Awareness.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 P.M. by Chair Elizabeth Burns.

Respectfully submitted,

Nadia Ally

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Board Secretary

Approved: 3/16/2021