

DIVERSITY AND HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FL

March 15, 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 6:50 p.m. when quorum was reached.**

DIVERSITY AND HERITAGE ADIVSORY BOARD

Present: Chair Hicks-Lee; Members Tewari, Brewster, Sicard, Potter, Surin, Acuna, and Burgess

Absent: Vice Chair Burns; Members Jacobs-Reed, Azad, Comfort, Edwards, Landrian, Mathew, Zacarias, and Prospect

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

OATH OF OFFICE

Newest member, Kalebra Jacobs-Reed, was not present at this meeting to take the oath of office.

LIAISON REPORT

Liaison Shechter reported that there is a Women’s History Month display in the lobby of the City Center. Member Tewari shared information on some displays at The Frank. Chair Hicks-Lee asked about the publications in different languages. Liaison Shechter said he will have that information for the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Chair Hicks-Lee speaks on criteria suggestions submitted by members. She stated the suggestions are very similar. Member Tewari referenced the ordinance for Pembroke Pines. Attorney Needelman said the City Commission was asking the board for recommendations and that they will take further action. Member Surin asked to include how the person contributed to the city. Member Sicard suggested people who have contributed to peace and worldwide functions. Member Tewari asked about the name of the park and building. Liaison Shechter said he will confirm that information. Chair Hicks-Lee said they can now move on to submitting names.

On a motion by Member Sicard, seconded by Member Surin, to have the board submit to the City Commission a consolidated criteria list and names of people who were deemed qualified for recognition, passed unanimously.

Member Tewari volunteered to consolidate the criteria list into a spreadsheet.

Chair Hicks-Lee spoke on the follow-up discussion of sharing information with schools on diversity and heritage. She said it can be worked on after the criteria and selecting people for recognition.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Hicks-Lee opened discussion on Women's History Month. Member Potter gave a brief background of Women's History. Chair Hicks-Lee mentioned that members can volunteer to speak on different months.

Member Tewari asked if the Diversity and Heritage Board submits an annual report in June, which Chair Hicks-Lee confirmed.

Chair Hicks-Lee spoke on member absences. Liaison Shechter stated that he has reached out to members in the past and can do so again.

On a motion by Member Surin, seconded by Member Potter, to report to the City Commission of members who are absent and to replace them or not, passed.

EXCUSED ABSENCES

On a motion by Member Surin, seconded by Member Sicard, to excuse the absences of Member Potter from the February 15, 2022 meeting and Members Landrian, Azad, Edwards, Burns, and Prospect from the March 15, 2022 meeting, passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Secretary Ally stated to the board members that on the minutes, there was a date mistake that will be corrected.

On a motion by Member Tewari, seconded by Member Burgess, to approve the meeting minutes of February 15, 2022, as amended, passed unanimously.

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Member Acuna will speak on the City of Pembroke Pines and Member Tewari will share the consolidated criteria list.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Member Sicard, seconded by Member Potter, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 P.M., passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nadia Ally

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Board Secretary

Approved: 4/19/2022