

Recap of the Hillsborough County Diversity Advisory Council (DAC) Meeting April 6, 2016

The April 6, 2016 Hillsborough County Diversity Advisory Council meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chair Hung Mai. Members present: Chair Mai, Vice-Chair Minutello, Francis Joseph, Gamal Gasser, Nestor Ortiz, Frank Roder, Gary Howell, Tonni Bacoat-Jones, David Chiriboga, and Becki Forsell. Members absent: Satish Sharma, Robert Chen, Roxanne Bartley and Terry Kemple. A quorum was present. Staff present: Albert Coleman and Carmen LoBue from the Office of Community Affairs.

Public Comment: Ms. Lunelle McCallister spoke on behalf of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. She shared historical information in honor of Confederate ancestors, and read sixteen names including Mr. Michael Robles. DAC was invited to the April 26 Confederate Memorial Day ceremony and memorial marker dedication event on April 30 for African Southern American Confederate veterans at 10 AM at the Confederate Memorial Park; Mr. David McCallister questioned the status of the DAC vacancies and Councilmember Temple's request for demographic breakdown. He requested a Proclamation in recognition of Southern Heritage Month and encouraged the DAC to promote diversity by inclusion of all groups; and Ms. Jenna Bernstein expressed concern and disappointment. She asked DAC members if they were native Floridians and requested them to honor the Confederate Veterans.

Approval of March 2, 2016 Meeting Recap: Vice Chair Minutello made a motion to approve the meeting recaps, seconded by Councilmember Chiriboga and unanimously approved.

Old Business:

- Finalize April 16 DAC Festival – Councilmember Ortiz led the discussion on the following:
 - The site map layout. Free Parking for the event. Shifts, volunteers and setup.
 - Three tables for focus groups. Extra tables will be provided for guest groups. No tent on the exterior setups. Five groups (tables) outside of the community group displays. No electricity power will be provided. No political advocates will be allowed at tables. Agencies commitment forms pending.
 - The Rays presence was discussed. Chair Mai and Councilmember Chiriboga volunteered to provide a generator for the Rays inflatable entertainment unit.
 - Special Olympics will not show gymnast performance, instead they will provide youth performance. No table is necessary.
 - Four food trucks: Caribbean, Middle Eastern, Asian & Indian.
 - The confirmed Emcees are: Reginald Roundtree and Cristina Puig.
 - Councilmember Ortiz will send emails to Emcees and agencies that will attend.
 - Music that is copyrighted needs to be submitted prior to the event.
 - Event Agenda to include Riverview H.S. JROTC.
 - VIP guests: All City Councilmembers were invited. Confirmed attendance received from Mayor Frank Chillura, BOCC Chair Miller, Commissioners Beckner, Murman and Hagan.
 - Recognition of former DAC members.
 - Proclamations for the DAC received from Hillsborough County, City of Tampa, Plant City and Temple Terrace.

Announcement: Sat., April 30 (10AM – 2PM) FREE Community Health Fair, 1815 E. 148 Ave. Tampa, FL;
Sat., April 30, Asia Fest 2016, Cotanchobee Park, Tampa, FL

Adjournment: 9:00 PM; Next Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 6:30 PM.