

Recap of the Hillsborough County Diversity Advisory Council (DAC) Meeting October 4, 2017

October 4, 2017 Hillsborough County Diversity Advisory Council meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Tony Morejon. Members present: Chair Perry, Vice Chair Patel, Ann Nguyen, Conchita Burpee, Xolani Kacela, Reham Fared, David McCallister, Marta Pearson, James Tokley, Raed Khawaja, Lynnette Stine, Yvette Jones, Jennifer Shiver. Members absent: Patti Sanchez (Notified), Kaitlin Connolly (Notified), and Jermaine White (Notified). There was a quorum present. Staff present: Albert Coleman, EOA/Office of Community Affairs, Tony Morejon from the Office of Community Affairs, Jennie Tarr, Chief Assistant County Attorney, Hank Ennis, Chief Administrative Council, Brandon Wagner, Operations and Legislative Affairs Officer, and Zuleyka Carbajal from the Equal Opportunity Administrator's Office.

Voting on Chair and Vice Chair Positions:

Mr. Tokley nominated Mr. Perry for Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Patel. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Mr. Tokley nominated Mr. Patel for Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pearson. Ms. Connolly was nominated at the August meeting.

There were eight votes for Mr. Patel and three votes for Ms. Connolly.

New Chair: Mr. Perry **New Vice Chair:** Mr. Patel

Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence for victims of Las Vegas and Puerto Rico.

There was introduction of the new members.

Public Comment:

Gamal Gasser spoke regarding the appointment of Mr. McCallister to the DAC.

Nestor Ortiz wanted to wish the new DAC members and current body success.

Justin Gamal spoke regarding a member of the DAC being intimidating and they are not a fan of diversity or for diversity.

New Business:

Parliamentary Procedures: Hank Ennis, Chief Administrative Council, County Attorney's Office gave an overview of the parliamentary procedures of how to run a meeting in an orderly fashion.

Sunshine Law and Robert's Rules: Jennie Tarr, Chief Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office gave an overview of the Sunshine Law regarding how members should not have communication outside of the meeting and Robert's Rules of Order of how a meeting should be conducted.

Mr. Morejon discussed with the group the role of the Diversity Advisory Council. There was discussion of the role of the DAC, what the goals of the group are and what accomplishments the group wants to make.

Old Business:

Approval of August 2, 2017 Meeting Recap: A motion was made by Mr. McCallister to approve August 2, 2017 meeting recap. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jones. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Announcements from Council Members:

Ms. Nguyen - The Vietnamese community will host the moon festival at the Filipino Community Center, October 7, 2017, 4 pm – 10 pm.

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Ms. Shiver – To serve as volunteers at her school they will have to fill out form (non-finger print), it is on the website, Brandon Epic Three.

Mr. McCallister – Period of National Hispanic Heritage Month and German American Heritage Month. He would like to place on the agenda for next month, the Interact Hillsborough Event.

Vice Chair Patel – Would like for the Strategic Plan to be sent out and discussed next month.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Next Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 1, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.