

Recap of the Hillsborough County Diversity Advisory Council (DAC) Meeting November 1, 2017

November 1, 2017 Hillsborough County Diversity Advisory Council meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chair Perry. Members present: Chair Perry, Vice Chair Patel, Patti Sanchez, Conchita Burpee, Xolani Kacela, Reham Fared, David McCallister, James Tokley, Raed Khawaja, Lynnette Stine. Members absent: Ann Nguyen (Notified), Kaitlin Connolly (Notified), Jermaine White (Notified), Marta Pearson (Did not Notify), Yvette Jones (Notified), Jennifer Shiver (Notified). There was a quorum present. Staff present: Albert Coleman, EOA/Office of Community Affairs, Carmen Lobue, Office of Community Affairs and Zuleyka Carbajal from the Equal Opportunity Administrator's Office.

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

Approval of October 4, 2017 Meeting Recap: A motion was made by Mr. Tokley to approve October 4, 2017 meeting recap. The motion was seconded by Ms. Stine. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

New Business:

Interact Hillsborough Discussion: Chair Perry and Vice Chair Patel gave an explanation to the new members of the event referred as Interact Hillsborough. Chair Perry noted the role of the DAC and emphasized the DAC represents all. Ms. LoBue went over the Strategic Plan and how the Interact Hillsborough event is noted. The reasons for the event being cancelled for 2017 were because of the subcommittee being disbanded and several members terms were up before the event could occur. There were other factors like Hurricane Irma. The funding from the budget for the event will be included in FY2018.

There were two subcommittees formed, one for Interact Hillsborough and the other for the Strategic Plan. A tentative meeting was scheduled for November 8th at 5:30 for the Strategic Plan and following that meeting, the Interact Hillsborough subcommittee would meet at 6:30.

Announcements from Council Members:

Vice Chair Patel announced the India Festival at the Fairgrounds, from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday, November 4th.

Ms. Burpee stated that the Native American Heritage Day is November 24th.

Ms. Sanchez noted that there would be a celebration at Al Lopez Park on Sunday, November 5th, Conga Caliente.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

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