

Recap of the Hillsborough County Diversity Advisory Council (DAC) Meeting February 7, 2018

February 7, 2018 Hillsborough County Diversity Advisory Council meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Perry. Members present: Chair Perry, Reham Fared, Lynnette Stine, Xolani Kacela, Ann Nguyen, David McCallister, Raed Khawaja, Alvin Jin, Sean Colin, Yvette Jones, Conchita Burpee, and Terrence Kemple. Members absent: Marta Pearson (Notified), Jennifer Shiver (Notified), Edelyn Verona (Notified), Vice Chair Patel (Notified), Patti Sanchez (Notified), and Jermaine White (Did not Notify). There was a quorum present. Staff present: Tony Morejon, Office of Community Affairs, Albert Coleman, EOA/Office of Community Affairs, Carmen Lobue, Office of Community Affairs and Zuleyka Carbajal from the Equal Opportunity Administrator's Office.

Visitors: 6

Public Comment: Ms. Richidean Hills-Akbar came and presented information on the Multicultural Family Day at Waterworks Park which will be on May 19, 2018.

Mr. Mathew Merin from the Neg-Kreyol Haitian Association came in and spoke regarding the organization.

Old Business:

Approval of January 3, 2018 Meeting Recap: Ms. Stine stated that her name was missing an "n". A motion was made by Mr. Colin to approve January 3, 2018 meeting recap as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fared. *Motion carried unanimously.*

New Business:

Discussion of DAC Presentation to BOCC re: Strategic Plan: Mr. Morejon will be taking it to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting which will be on February 21, 2018. A one page presentation will be given to the Commissioners to have when Chair Perry gives the presentation. Mr. McCallister gave an overview of what will happen at the BOCC meeting.

One Hillsborough Diversity Fest: Mr. Morejon stated the event will be on April 14, 2018. He has contacted the Parks department to see what they will be able to provide. HTV was contacted for audio. Ms. Burpee stated that someone is designing the flyers, posters, and t-shirts. Ms. Nguyen is re-doing the layout of the park for the tables. The event will be from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Announcements from Council Members: Ms. Stine stated that the Festa Italiana in Ybor is April 7th and 8th. Chair Perry stated that he had attended the City's Black History event and he would be attending the NAACP Banquet the next day, YES will be having an event that he has committed to attending. Mr. McCallister stated that he attended the Confederate Heroes Banquet and he spoke at the Lee Jackson Dinner in Gainesville. He also wanted to state that there has been a bill filed in Tallahassee to remove from the Florida Statutory Calendar, which are Robert E. Lee's birthday, Jefferson Davis' birthday and Confederate Memorial Day, he views this as an attack on diversity. He will be bringing this to the BOCC. He stated that on February 16th, 17th and 18th there will be a Reenactment on the battle of Olustee and the Reenactment of the Battle of Natural Bridge will be March 3rd. He also stated that the new members need nametags. Mr. Kacela stated that he and his wife attended the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Interfaith Service last month, he was surprised it wasn't publicized more. Mr. Colin stated that the Neg-Kreyol will be having their Fundraising Gala will be February 17th, all proceeds will go to the Haitian Relief Fund. Mr. Coleman stated that the County's Black Heritage Celebration will be on February 16, 2018 at the Joe Chillura Park from 12:00 p.m. -1:30 p.m.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Ms. Stine to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Burpee. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Next Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 7, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.