

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

November 7, 2018 Hillsborough County Diversity Advisory Council meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Chair Perry. Members present: Chair Perry, Yvette Jones, Matthew Chernesky, Reham Fared, Conchita Burpee, Marta Pearson, Sabrina Griffith, Vijay Deshpande, Sabah Uddin, Jennifer Shiver, Alvin Jin, and David McCallister. Members absent: Terrence Kemple (Notified), Sean Colin (Did not Notify), Jermaine White (Did not Notify). There was a quorum present. Staff present: Tony Morejon, Office of Community Affairs, Carmen LoBue, Office of Community Affairs, Albert Coleman, EOA/Office of Community Affairs, Eli Rodriguez, Commissioner Aide.

Public Comment: None **Visitors:** 3

Old Business: Approval of October 3, 2018 Meeting Recap: A motion was made by Ms. Jones to approve October 3, 2018 meeting recap. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pearson. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

New Business:

Autism Presentation by Ms. Shiver: Ms. Shiver gave a presentation regarding Autism awareness and showed a few videos on the topic.

Ms. Shiver notified the DAC that the School Board is in and will have four schools ready for next year.

Discussion on Non-Attendance: There was a discussion by the DAC regarding attendance and members that have had many absences.

A motion was made by Mr. Jin to send an e-mail to Mr. Colin and Mr. White asking if they would like to resign. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCallister. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Ms. Pearson would like to see more publication being done on the DAC, not just a small notice. That way there will be more interest on the Council. Mr. Coleman replied that the County does not do any press releases on Boards and Councils, just when there are meetings and openings. Ms. Rodriguez stated that she would reach out to Luann Finley, Director of Board Services to see if there could be something else put out. Mr. Coleman stated that he would reach out to the Communications Department.

Old Business: Update on Subcommittees

Ms. Pearson stated that she was late getting to the meeting. There was no notice sent out to the subcommittee to meet, but that she wanted to schedule it for 6:00 pm before the next meeting. She would like for the members to bring ideas on locations on where to meet to hold the meetings in a more public setting.

Ms. Shiver re-stated that the School District is all in on providing the four schools. There needs to be a presentation to the BOCC. April is Autism Awareness month, so it would be a good time to present it to the BOCC.

Ms. Burpee updated on the One Hillsborough Diversity Fest Subcommittee. At October's meeting, they went over all the different events on the calendar for the Tampa Bay Area. The date that they came up with was April 27, 2018. Other dates to consider would be May 4, 2018, March 30, 2018, but emphasis would be on April 27, 2018. Ms. Fared questioned on whether there could be business sponsors. Staff would advise at next meeting.

Announcements:

Mr. Kemple announced that he is thinking of whether he will be able to remain on the Council. He would have a decision by the next meeting.

Vice Chair Fared announced that the Tampa Bay Heart Walk is on November 10th at Raymond James Stadium. On Wednesday, November 14th at 6:00 p.m. there will be a Conversation and Cocktails Event at the Rialto Theater.

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Ms. Shiver thanked the DAC for the opportunity to give the presentation.

Ms. Burpee announced that November is the National Native American Month and she would send out information on Events.

Mr. McCallister informed that he attended the October 17th, BOCC meeting. He attended the YES Fair and also the Temple Terrace 2nd Annual Unity Picnic. He also was asked by one of his constituents to bring a flyer that was passed out by one of the candidates, and it is an example of racial divisiveness and non-inclusion, which is one of the reasons that the DAC was put together to address.

Ms. Pearson attended the YES Fair and took DAC cards with her regarding the One Hillsborough Diversity Fest and gave them to the different tables to see if they would like to participate at the Fest.

Mr. Perry notified that the Veteran's Hospital has LGBT representation and they also have additional letters including Straight Alliance and he asked if any other organizations have that and they said no. Ms. Griffith responded that there are higher institutions that do and Mr. Kemple said that a lot of high schools do as well.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 8:19 pm by Chair Perry.

Next Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 5, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.