

Recap of the Hillsborough County Diversity Advisory Council (DAC) Meeting June 6, 2018

June 6, 2018 Hillsborough County Diversity Advisory Council meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chair Perry. Members present: Chair Perry, Reham Fared, Jennifer Shiver, Alvin Jin, Lynnette Stine, Edelyn Verona, Sabrina Griffith, Conchita Burpee, David McCallister, Raed Khawaja, and Marta Pearson. Members absent: Yvette Jones (Notified), Vice Chair Patel (Did not Notify), Terrence Kemple (Notified), Sean Colin (Did not Notify), Mathew Chernesky (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, and Carmen LoBue, ADA officer/ Office of Community Affairs.

Visitors: 0

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

Approval of April 4, 2018 Meeting Recap: A motion was made by Ms. Fared to approve April 4, 2018 meeting recap. The motion was seconded by Ms. Burpee. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

New Business:

Ms. LoBue commented that the next meeting falls on July 4th, so it should be changed since it is a holiday.

A motion was made by Mr. Khawaja to have the meeting on July 11, 2018. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fared. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Discussion on One Hillsborough Diversity Fest: Ms. Fared gave an update of the One Hillsborough Diversity Fest. The consensus of the members was that it was well organized. The event went well and there were great performers, food trucks, tables. The one thing that was lacking was attendance.

Community Outreach: Ms. LoBue commented that there are four vacancies that have been advertised. The members should let their communities know, so that there could be people applying. Two members have also resigned.

Ms. Burpee commented that the DAC needs to go out and attend different events. Ms. Fared stated to bring the DAC cards to the July meeting to be distributed for the members to hand out. There should be a monthly calendar of events sent through e-mail so that members would know to attend events. Mr. Morejon stated that a new card should be designed so that the members would have to hand out. There will be a subcommittee for the card design which consists of: Ms. Fared, Ms. Burpee, and Ms. Verona.

Mr. McCallister stated that there should be public forums for the members to hear concerns from the communities. There was discussion of having meetings at the public libraries.

A motion was made by Ms. Pearson to create a subcommittee to explore and bring back to DAC a plan to have four community meetings from October 2018 to September 2019. The motion was seconded by Ms. Griffith. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Subcommittee would be: Ms. Pearson, Ms. Griffith, Mr. Perry and Ms. Shiver.

Sensory Friendly Hurricane Shelter Discussion: Ms. Shiver stated that true sensory shelters don't exist. Mr. Morejon suggested that there be a meeting with Mr. Cook, Director Emergency Management.

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A motion was made by Ms. Shiver to form a subcommittee to meeting with Mr. Cook. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCallister. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

By-Laws Attendance Discussion: There was discussion regarding absences both unexcused and excused.

A motion was made by Mr. McCallister that the second sentence in Rule 3 of the Rules of Order, be amended to say: Any member who has a total of three absences that occur without advance notice, or a total of six absences, in any twelve month period should be recommended for removal from the council. The motion was seconded by Ms. Griffith. Members opposed were: Chair Perry, Mr. Jin, Ms. Shiver and Ms. Burpee. ***Motion carried.***

Announcements:

Ms. LoBue announce that the Joint Alliance for People with Disabilities is meeting Tuesday, June 12th, 1:30 -3:30 at the Lighthouse for the Blind to discuss Hurricane Preparedness.

Ms. Burpee announced again that TBCN is still offering free classes.

Mr. McCallister announced that he attended the April 18th, May 2nd and 16th, and June 6th BOCC meetings.

Ms. Shiver announced that June 12th is the anniversary date for the Pulse Nightclub shooting.

Ms. Shiver advised that there is a new Sex Ed curriculum that is coming to 8th graders in Hillsborough County next year. They are not notifying parents. If parents want to opt out it has to be put in writing and given that written notification to the principal.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 8:28 pm by Chair Perry.

Next Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 11, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.