

# Recap of the Hillsborough County Diversity Advisory Council (DAC) Meeting August 1, 2018

August 1, 2018 Hillsborough County Diversity Advisory Council meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Chair Perry. Members present: Chair Perry, Yvette Jones, Mathew Chernesky, Jennifer Shiver, Alvin Jin, Sabrina Griffith, Conchita Burpee, David McCallister, Raed Khawaja, and Terrence Kemple. Members absent: Lynette Stine (Notified) Reham Fared (Did not Notify), Marta Pearson (Did not Notify), Edelyn Verona (Notified), Vice Chair Patel (Did not Notify), Sean Colin (Did not Notify), and 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.

**Visitors:** 3

**Public Comment:** No Public Comment

**New Business:**

**Sensory Friendly Shelter Discussion:** Ryan Pedigo, Florida Department of Health and Ted Williams of Fire Rescue spoke regarding installing a Sensory Friendly Shelter in Hillsborough County. There was discussion of shelters that are in place and how those shelters are run. They spoke regarding how it would be to have a Sensory Friendly Shelter and how much of a need there is for one. People with autism would come with their caregiver, so there would not be a need for having one of the personnel watch them. It is good to always have people volunteer at all of the shelters.

There is a subcommittee formed already to discuss the Sensory Friendly Shelter.

**Old Business:**

**Approval of July 11, 2018 Meeting Recap:** A motion was made by Mr. Chernesky to approve July 11, 2018 meeting recap. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jones. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Mr. Morejon informed the DAC that a shelter is still called a shelter, the name hasn't changed.

**Announcements:**

Mr. McCallister stated that he attended the August 1<sup>st</sup> BOCC meeting.

Ms. Shiver stated that the School Board decided not to teach the Sex Education that was on the curriculum, but that if they did decide to do it again that she would have the letters for parents to opt out.

Ms. Burpee stated that there should be a subcommittee formed to start working on the One Hillsborough Diversity Fest for next year.

Mr. Chernesky stated that he reached out on Facebook to Transaction Florida, which focuses on veterans.

Mr. Khawaja wanted to thank everybody, today was his last meeting. He still wants to be able to participate on DAC events.

Ms. Jones stated that Black Homeschoolers of Tampa is putting on a teen program for an etiquette course March 9<sup>th</sup> and March 16<sup>th</sup> in 2019. It is not just open to homeschoolers.

Mr. Khawaja stated that on August 20<sup>th</sup> at the Fairgrounds there is a celebration for the Islamic celebration of Eid of Adha.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned 7:50 pm by Chair Perry.

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