

## Recap of the Hillsborough County Diversity Advisory Council (DAC) Meeting May 1, 2019

May 1, 2019 Hillsborough County Diversity Advisory Council meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chair Griffith. Members present: Chair Griffith, Reham Fared, Virgil Perry, Yvette Jones, David McCallister, Jennifer Shiver, Marta Pearson, Matthew Chernesky, Angela Birdsong, Nan Park, Melissa Braswell, and Majid Vasigh.

Members absent: Conchita Burpee (Notified), Terrence Kemple (Notified), Vijay Deshpande (Notified), Sean Colin (Did not Notify), Sabah Uddin (Resigned), Jermaine White (Did not Notify). There was a quorum present.

Staff present: Albert Coleman, EOA/Office of Community Affairs, Eli Rodriguez, Office of Community Affairs

**Public Comment:** Jason Smith, Board of Directors, IBW Locally 24, local labor leader. Inviting DAC to attend rally on May 3, 2019, at 5 p.m. in front of the HSEF Union Hall to rally for worker's rights, to speak up against the privatization of custodial staff in public schools.

**Visitors:** 1

**Old Business: Approval of March 6, 2019 Meeting Recap:** Chair Griffith declared unanimous consent on the approval of the March 6, 2019 Meeting Recap.

**New Business:**

**One Hillsborough Diversity Fest:** Brigitte Gonzalez-Wilder, Parks and Recreation requested that the DAC partner up with her for their multi-cultural event and combine the two events together.

A motion to partner with Ms. Gonzalez-Wilder and Parks and Recreation was made by Mr. Perry. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vasigh. Mr. McCallister opposed. **Motion carried.**

**Review/Discussion on the Letter to BOCC re: Conversion Therapy:** The letter was discussed. A motion was passed at the March meeting to submit the letter to the BOCC.

**Autism Resolution:** Ms. Shiver gave an explanation of the Sensory Friendly Shelters. All parties involved in having two schools designated for the Sensory Friendly shelters are all on board and ready to go.

A motion to draft a letter to the BOCC regarding Sensory Friendly Shelters was made by Mr. McCallister. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pearson. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Strategic Plan Review:** The Strategic Plan was discussed.

A motion to review the Strategic Plan was made by Mr. Chernesky. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jones. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Strategic Plan Subcommittee was formed.

There was discussion regarding homelessness in Hillsborough County. Mr. Coleman stated that the County does have a department that handles that specific function.

**Updates on Subcommittees:** Subcommittees had not met prior to the meeting. No updates at this time.

**List of Subcommittees: Communications, One Hillsborough, Strategic Plan, Marketing, Name Change, Sensory Friendly, Meetings Held Outside County Center.**

**Announcements:**

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Mr. McCallister stated that April was Southern History month. He also informed that he attended a function for Confederate Memorial Day. He has been in Tallahassee to help push some of the bills.

Ms. Birdsong announced that September 28<sup>th</sup> is the Taste of Guyana celebration. The Caribbean Community Association banquet, Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Braswell announced that there will be a Criminal Justice reform Event on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. She also stated that she attended a Women's Liberation Event. On May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, there will be a Women of Color Caucus.

Ms. Fared announced that she is relocation to Washington, D.C.

Ms. Griffith announced that she is the Activities Chair for the Florida Diversity Council and there was a Women's Symposium in March. On behalf of Ms. Smith, she shared that Safe and Sound Hillsborough, will hold the Safe and Sound Summit 2019 on May 4<sup>th</sup> at Middleton High School. She attended Delta Days at the County Center on May 1, 2019.

Ms. Uddin contacted the EOA office to inform that she will be resigning from the DAC because she is relocating.

Ms. Rodriguez announced that the Census Committee will kick-off on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Seminole Heights Garden Club.

Ms. Pearson is doing a workshop at the Safe and Sound Summit titled De-escalating Angry People.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Chernesky. The motion was seconded by Mr. Perry. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.