



Diversity and Inclusion Commission Agenda

Monday, May 8, 2023 5:30 PM
City Hall Board Room & Via Zoom

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Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Carlisle called the meeting to order at 05:37 PM. A quorum was present.

A. Commission Members:

Mahnaz Shabbir
Dr. Vincent Carlisle
Amy Barr
Rhonda Weimer
Tiana Heath

Members Present:

City Staff Present: Assistant City Administrator Jeffery Rhodes, Deputy City Clerk, Alyssa Roberts, Mayor, Dean Katernhdahl

Mayor Katerndahl started the meeting by giving some welcoming comments and interacting with the commission:

- He shared some info about Park University, including their "sash" ceremony - 571 students from 71 countries. He mentioned that the university is interested in having a person sit on the City's commission.
 - Chair Carlisle inquired about 'town sponsors' for international students, needs of students at Park Univ.
 - Ms. Shabbir - shared ideas about a planning meeting with the Univ.

2. Action Items

A. Approve the Minutes from the March 13, 2023 Regular Meeting

ACTION: It was moved by Tiana Heath and seconded by Rhonda Weimer to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2023 regular meeting

RESULT: Motion 5-0.

B. Elect New Officers to the Commission

Ms. Weimer recommends nominating Ms. Shabbir
Carlisle also recommended Ms. Shabbir

Any other nominations?

Unanimous vote in support - 5-0 for Ms. Shabbir as chairperson of the commission

Mahnaz recommended Carlisle for vice chair.
Weimer seconded

Unanimous support. = 5-0 vote for Mr. Carlisle

3. Non-Action Items

- A. Update on Community Survey - Historical Signage
Community survey regarding historical signage.

Mahnaz - what are the organizational goals of the community - what are we hoping to achieve?

What is in the current strategic plan for diversity and inclusion?

How does DIC review or connect with these questions and provide feedback?

4. Other Business

connect with Park Univ. more directly
Add a seat for them on this BOA

Whitley - possibly expand the commission to make it 7 and include Park and other members of the community who have expressed interest.
How do we proceed with this? Brian will take this idea to staff (city clerk/city admin)

Commission position or ex officio for the Univ. position.
What to do with a student position?

Update the by-laws to include this type of position - is this voting or non-voting?
Flexibility and fluidity to serve students.

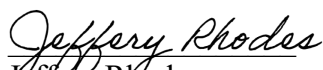
Ended the meeting with welcoming Ms. Tiana Heath to the commission.
The commission introduced themselves to Tiana - for the record.
We finished with Tiana introducing herself - great info on the recording.

Alexa introduced herself
Alyssa introduced herself.

5. Adjourn

Chair Shabbir adjourned the meeting at 6:14 PM.

Submitted by:


Jeffery Rhodes

September 11, 2023
Approval Date