

COMMISSION ON DIVERSITY AWARENESS

APRIL 20, 2021

VIRTUAL MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Wegwert called the meeting to order at 1:36 PM.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT:

DeAnn Wegwert, Vice Chair
Mandy Gebler
Marcela Pino
Mounia Mnouer
Jean Toner

ABSENT:

Deborah Corey
Dan Duke, Chair

3. Public Participation

The Commission cannot act upon items presented during the Public Participation portion of the Agenda. Individual Commission members may ask questions of the public but are prohibited by the Open Meeting Law from discussion or considering the item among themselves until the item is officially placed on the Agenda. Each public comment or presentation will be limited to five (5) minutes.

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Consideration and Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Pino motioned and Commissioner Toner seconded to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2021 meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

5. Date of Next Meeting - May 18, 2021 at 1:30 pm

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. Review and Approve: Proclamation for Asian Pacific Islander Month.

The commission made some updates and edits to the order of the wording and the verbiage of the proclamation. Commissioner Toner motioned and Commissioner Pino seconded to approve the proclamation with edits and forward to Mayor Deasy's office. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. **Climate Action at the City of Flagstaff**

Commissioners thanked staff for the presentation and asked a few follow up questions.

B. **Commission Partnerships**

1. **Citywide Diversity Commissions/Committees Liaisons**

- i. Reviewed current list of City Boards and Commissions with liaison assignments.
- ii. Public Participant asked if County commissions were included and Staff liaison replied they were not.
- iii. Public participant asked about Tri Diversity meeting on April 28th at 5:30pm. City Clerk's Office Stacy Fobar responded and reminded the Commissioners about protocol for multiple Commissioners attending the same meeting.
- iv. Future agenda item – assign Commission members to attend on behalf of CODA at other meetings such as Tri Diversity.
- v. Asked for County and city list of Boards and Commissions at Planning Retreat. Staff liaison to get this information for the Planning Retreat.

2. **Beautification and Public Arts Commission**

Discussion tabled until next meeting due to Commissioner Cruz from the Beautification and Public Art Commission being absent.

C. **Proclamations**

1. **Pride Month June**

The commission reviewed and made adjustments to the proclamation. Vice Chair Wegwert moved to approve the updated proclamation, Commissioner Mnouer second, motion unanimously approved. Later in the meeting, the vote for the proclamation was amended to include resources from the Guidance Center. The proclamation will be presented again at the next meeting before being forwarded to the Mayor's office.

Commissioner Pino left the meeting.

2. **Work Group Update**

The Work Group was unable to collaborate on the Mental Health Awareness Month and Commissioner Gebler stated that she would prefer to not have this approved during the middle of the month.

D. **NAU Diversity Commission Report**

Tabled till the next meeting since presenters were not in attendance.

E. **Flagstaff High School Students Advocate for Renaming the Peaks**

Vice Chair Wegwert e-mailed the Native American club at the high school, asked for students to speak but there was no response. The question came up of “are we willing to do a special session with high school group?” This will be decided upon once the availability of the high school group is known.

F. **Sanctuary Cities**

Commissioner Toner provided an update and had invited the Sheriff to come and discuss this topic. They would like to invite the Interfaith group so this item will need to remain on the agenda.

G. **Planning a Retreat/Strategic Plan for Commission, Action Plan and Priorities for Commission**

1. What day and time work best for the Commission? Survey Monkey ok to use to establish date and time of the retreat, 2-3 hours preferred.
2. What the Commission is seeking as outcomes and what process they want. Coming up with plan of action, review survey more thoroughly, goals from survey results, WHAT ACTIONS can be recommended to Council, recommendations to council from survey
3. Does the Commission want to work with a Professional such as a consultant and if so are there any recommendations or should the liaison gather quotes for consideration? No, would prefer to use in house facilitation.

8. **AGENDA FOR FUTURE MEETING(S)**

A. **Chair and Vice-Chair Appointments**

Two appointments to the commission will be brought forward to Council in May and the Commission will vote on new chairs in July.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Meeting of the Commission on Diversity Awareness held April 20, 2021, adjourned at 3:05 p.m.