

**COMMISSION ON DIVERSITY AWARENESS
JUNE 15, 2021
VIRTUAL TEAMS MEETING**

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chair Duke called the meeting to order at 1:31 PM.

2. Roll Call

NOTE: One or more Commission Members may be in attendance telephonically or by other technological means.

PRESENT:	ABSENT:
Robert "Dan" Duke, Chair	
DeAnn Wegwert, Vice Chair	
Jean Toner joined late	
Mandy Martinez Gebler	
Marcela Pino	
Claire Hardii	
Christine Tucci	

3. Public Comment

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: Commission on Diversity Awareness Meeting of May 18, 2021

Chair Duke motioned for the May 18, 2021 minutes to be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING- July 20, 2021 at 1:30 pm

Commissioner Gebler will not be in attendance for the July 20, 2021 meeting.

6. **ACTION ITEMS**

7. **REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. **Welcome New Commissioner Members**

New Members introduced themselves as well as current members.

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

Update from the Staff Liaison:

- Review the draft Agenda for the Retreat
- Dates and Times: June 30th beginning at 9am or 3pm, July 13th at 1pm

Date for the Retreat announced: July 13th at 1pm. The staff Liaison will send a calendar appointment with the Teams meeting link. The Commission requested to include a review of the Diversity Strategic Plan from NAU during the Retreat. The Commission also requested 3 hours for the Retreat.

C. **Proclamations Work Group Update**

Discuss any upcoming Proclamations for the Work Group to focus on.

1. October Hispanic Heritage Month
2. November Indigenous Day Celebration
3. February Black History Month

1. **Pride Proclamation Update**

Staff liaison provided the following updates:

- The Proclamation was read on June 1st at the Pride Flag raising ceremony.
- The Mayor will read the Proclamation at June 15th Council meeting.

D. **Commission Partnerships and Updates**

1. **Beautification and Public Arts Commission**

Commissioner Cruz not in attendance.

2. **NAU Diversity Commission Report**

Commissioner Pino stated that the group is pending updates and priorities, however, the Diversity Fellows are out for the summer so potential for no updates till the Fall.

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

Discuss the presentation from the Flagstaff High School Native American Club and any follow up action items.

Vice Chair Wegwert recommend notifying Council that it is an important topic to support even though this action would require Federal level change.

Commissioner Hardi explained the potential obstacles and recommended utilizing the Legislative affairs program as a resource.

The Commission wants to ensure that there are specific items to recommend to Council and Vice Chair Wegwert motioned for the Commission to further support the Native American Club in their effort to Rename the Peaks and that they discuss how to support them.

Commissioner Pino Second motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Toner requested this item to be added to the Retreat agenda for next steps discussion.

G. Sanctuary Cities

- i. No additional information or update
- ii. Commissioner Toner asked for Legal advice on this topic.
- iii. Commissioner Hardi offered material to share with the Commission on this topic for discussion at the Retreat.
- iv. Vice Chair Wegwert noted there is a potential partnership with the Indigenous Commission on this topic.

8. AGENDA FOR FUTURE MEETING(S)

A. Chair and Vice-Chair Appointments - Nominations and voting of Chair and Vice-Chair – July agenda

The Commission requested the staff liaison bring the CODA March 2021 minutes to reference the term limits that were established.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Duke adjourned the meeting at 2:40 PM.