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MINUTES

**COMMISSION ON DIVERSE CULTURES
5850 W. GLENDALE AVE.
GLENDALE, ARIZONA 85301**

**MARCH 9, 2022
6:30 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:13 p.m. by Brittany Leslie, Staff Liaison.

2. ROLL CALL

James Smith, Commissioner
Martha Dennis, Commissioner
Reka Vicacsan, Commissioner
Ashor Chamoun, Commissioner

Also Present: Brittany Leslie, Staff Liaison

Attendee: Denise Flynn, Constituent

Present: James Smith, Vice Chair
Martha Dennis, Commissioner
Ashor Chamoun, Commissioner
Reka Vicsacsan, Commissioner

Absent: Nellie Andrade, Chair

Also Present: Brittany Leslie, Staff Liaison

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Attendee, Denise Flynn, commented that she was a previous commissioner on the Human Relations Commission when it first started and likes the name change. Just wanted to check in and see what the status off the commission.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- a. First meeting as a commission, no minutes to approve.

5. NEW BUSINESS

1. DISCUSSION: Introduction of commission members, Staff Liaison Brittany Leslie

- a. Commissioners introduced themselves and shared a brief background.

2. DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION: Chair and Vice Chair Recommendations for 2022, Staff Liaison Brittany Leslie

- a. Commissioner Ashor Chamoun recommended James Smith as Vice Chair. James Smith recommended Nelled Andrade as Chair.

Motioned by Commissioner Ashor Chamoun, seconded by Commissioner Reka Vicacsan.

AYE: Commissioner Ashor Chamoun
Commissioner Reka Vicacsan
Commissioner James Smith
Commissioner Martha Dennis

Passed

3. DISCUSSION/APPROVAL: Goal setting and Topics of Discussion for Upcoming Year, Staff Liaison Brittany Leslie

- a. Commissioner James Smith would like to look at other commissions in other cities to see what other city commissions are doing. Commissioner Ashor Chamoun asked if every city has this type of commission. Staff Liaison Leslie said she would confirm and report at next Commission meeting. Commissioner Chamoun asked for background on commission to see if goals can be compared to current commission goals. Commissioner James Smith recommended commissioners follow up with their designated council members. Commissioner Reka Vicacsan mentioned that she would like a topic of discussion to be looking into a multicultural festival to showcase different cultures and do research to see what cultures are in Glendale. Contact cultures and their organizations to see how festivals are organized, etc.

6. STAFF REPORTS

- a. This report allows the Staff of City Attorney's Office to update the Commission. The Commission is prohibited from discussing or acting on any of the items presented by the Staff since they are not itemized on the Commission on Diverse Cultures Agenda.

7. COMMISSION COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Commissioners commented saying that meetings can be held via Zoom or in person, in person is most desired. Staff Liaison Leslie said she will look into getting the conference room reserved for future meetings to be held in person.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Commission on Diverse Cultures will be held on April 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., virtually via Zoom.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Motioned by Commissioner Ashor Chamoun, seconded by Commissioner James Smith.

AYE: Commissioner Martha Dennis
Commissioner Reka Vicacsan

Commissioner James Smith
Commissioner Ashor Chamoun

Passed

The Commission on Diverse Cultures meeting minutes of _____, 2022 were submitted and approved this ___ day of _____, 2022.

Recording Secretary