

**CITY OF HUBER HEIGHTS
STATE OF OHIO**

Culture and Diversity Citizen Action Commission Meeting Minutes

Name of Body: Culture and Diversity Citizen Action Commission
(CDCAC)

Date: October 7, 2021

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Place: City Hall – 6131 Taylorsville Road – Council Chambers

1. **Members Present:**

Dr. Frederick Aikens
Jean Newby
Tara Purvis – Not Present
Estephon Ramirez-Not Present
Arrick Richardson
Mia Honaker – Not Present
Eric Stephens
Yolanda Stephens - Chair
Rhonda Sumlin – Vice Chair – Not Present

2. **Guests Present:**

City Staff Present: Katie Knisley, Human Resources Director.

3. **Call to Order**

Chair Yolanda Stephens convened the Culture and Diversity Citizen Action Commission at 7:03 P.M.

4. **Roll Call**

Roll call attendance was taken, and all members were present except for Mia Honaker, Estephon Ramirez, Tara Purvis, and Rhonda Sumlin. All were officially excused from the meeting.

5. **Approval of Minutes**

September 2, 2021, Minutes

CDCAC Chair Yolanda Stephens asked if there were any revisions to the September 2, 2021, minutes. Jean Newby said on page 4, under the Education Committee Report, one of the guest speaker's name was misspelled and should be corrected to Dr. Michael Dulan. CDCAC Chair Yolanda Stephens asked if there were any further changes and there were none. CDCAC Chair Yolanda Stephens took a vote to amend the September 20, 2021, minutes, with the correction to Dr. Michael Dulan's name, and all members unanimously agreed.

This Culture and Diversity Citizen Action Commission meeting was recorded by the City and the recording of this meeting will be posted to the City's website and will also be maintained by the City consistent with the City's records retention schedule.

6. **Topics of Discussions:**

- A. Committee Reports
- B. Old Business
- C. New Business
- D. Proclamation for Indigenous People's Day
- E. Proclamation for Recognition of Ms. Lucille Dale

7. **Committee Reports**

Reform Committee

Committee Chair Eric Stephens stated the Committee did not meet in August and had nothing new to report.

Outreach Committee

Committee Chair Dr. Fred Aikens stated the Committee met on Wednesday, September 22, 2021. They discussed the Huber Heights Multicultural Festival, which is scheduled for Saturday, June 25, 2022, at the Eichelberger Amphitheatre. Their discussion included hiring disc jockeys and obtaining needed materials. The Committee has begun planning activities for 2022 Martin Luther King Day. The Committee discussed plans to celebrate Juneteenth, which is Sunday, June 19, 2022, and would like to have a Father's Day Funk Festival and concert at the Rose Music Center at The Heights. Dr. Fred Aikens will continue to work with Assistant City Manager Bryan Chodkowski to ask Music and Event Management Incorporated (MEMI) to book Parliament-Funkadelic and George Clinton, or similar groups, for the Father's Day Funk Festival. The Committee plans on adding some other activities once the music artists are booked.

Education Committee

Committee Chair Jean Newby stated they met on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, and discussed several items. The first item discussed was the upcoming October 13, 2021, forum and the topic will be "Why Declaring Racism as a Public Health Crisis Matters." The guest panel members will be Dr. Michael Dulan, Dr. Jeanette Robinson, and Dr. Genevieve Ritchey-Ewing. All of the guest speakers have been given a list of questions for discussion. Committee Chair Jean Newby met with Mr. Joshua King, Huber Heights Parks Manager and they discussed the best arrangements for the video equipment and attendees. Committee Chair Jean Newby will meet with Mr. Joshua King a week before the forum and finalize details. Committee Chair Jean Newby asked for a volunteer to stream the forum on Facebook Live and will provide a video camera tripod and an iPad. The Committee also discussed holding two forums in 2022 and would like to collaborate with the Reform Committee and do a joint session. Both Committees would like to meet with the Huber Heights Police Chief in early January 2022 and are working on setting up a meeting. CDCAC Chair Yolanda Stephens reported that most of the Huber Heights City Council members will be participating in the October 13, 2021, forum.

Advocacy Committee

No report this month.

8. **Old Business**

There was no old business.

9. **New Business**

Proclamation for Indigenous Peoples Day

CDCAC Chair Yolanda Stephens stated the CDCAC had reviewed the proclamation for Indigenous People's Day and there were no changes. The Proclamation is on the City Council Agenda for approval at the Monday, October 11, 2021, meeting and asked all CDCAC members to attend that meeting.

Proclamation to Recognize Ms. Lucille Dale

CDCAC Chair Yolanda Stephens stated the CDCAC had previously discussed a proclamation to recognize Ms. Lucille Dale but tabled it. The CDCAC would now like to move ahead to recognize Ms. Dale because she was the first African American Vice Mayor for the City of Huber Heights, served on the Huber Heights Board of Education, Huber Heights City Council, and retired from Huber Heights City Schools after 32 years of service. Ms. Dale also organized numerous community events and has a long history of supporting the City of Huber Heights community. Dr. Fred Aikens motioned to prepare a proclamation for Huber Heights City Council to recognize Ms. Lucille Dale; Eric Stephens seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken there were no objections, so the motion unanimously passed.

10. **Adjournment**

Chair Yolanda Stephens adjourned the meeting at 7:20 P.M.