



**Huber Heights Culture and Diversity Citizens' Action Committee
(CDCAC)**

Outreach Meeting

Minutes from October 26th, 2021

1. Call to Order

The Huber Heights Culture and Diversity Citizens Action Commission (HHCDCAC) Outreach Committee Meeting was called to order at 7:50pm at Huber Heights Police Department Community Room by Chairman Dr. Fred Aikens on Wednesday, October 26th, 2021.

2. Roll Call

The Roll Call was conducted by Chairman Dr. Fred Aikens. All committee members were present except Mrs. Mia Honaker who was excused due to illness.

3. Adoption of Meeting Agenda with Corrections: Ms. Sumlin made a motion to adopt the October 26th, 2021, meeting agenda and Ms. Newby seconded.

4. Review of Minutes: September 22nd, 2021

The Outreach Committee minutes were disseminated for review by the committee.

5. Old Business

A) High School Essay Contest

- Topic:** The new recommended topic for essay contest: “*Why is it important to honor the history of Indigenous Peoples in America and what non-natives can do to further the restoration of Indigenous People?*” The topic was reviewed by Mr. Matt Housch (HHCS Curriculum Specialist). There were no issues as the topic was clear and concise for high school students.
- Details and Distribution:** The contest will be published through an advertisement for the HHCS. HHCDCAC Chairwomen Stephens has the contact information on the POC for HHCS to disseminate the essay contest information. Chairman Aikens will follow up with HHCDCAC Chairwoman Stephens. Ms. Sumlin had mention that Wayne High School has a Diversity Board (Student Diversity Council). The Student Diversity Council will be contacted regarding the essay contest. The HHCDCAC will disseminate the information for the contest on FB and city website.
Ms. Sumlin had mention as a suggestion that high school English teachers can be engaged. Also, the contest can be advertised with essay criteria information on the HHCDCAC Facebook page, Huber Heights City website, and “All About Huber Heights” page. The deadline for the essay is Friday, November 19th, 2021. Ms. Sumlin had mentioned to engage Ms. Sarah Williams (Community Specialist) to put on Key Ads advertisement of the essay contest.

3. **Prizes and Awards:** Chairman Aikens went over the prizes and awards for the essay contest. The monetary prizes are \$300 for first place and \$200 for second place for each of the following categories: A) 11th/12th grade and B) 9th and 10th grade. The prizes will be awarded for each grade within the two categories. Teachers will receive an incentive of \$50 for winning essays for both categories.

B) Planning for MLK Celebration and Unity Walk 2022

Ms. Sumlin will verify if January 17th, 2022, date is still on the Huber Heights calendar. Ms. Sumlin recommended Great County Voices to discuss diversity initiatives and for their participation with MLK/Unity Walk 2022 event. There would need to be MS Teams meeting set up (in accordance with Sunshine Laws) with Great County Voices to have a discussion. Ms. Sumlin has the program, flyer, and signs. There will be an advertisement on Key Ads. The Huber Heights City Police will have to be contacted for their services. The Outreach Committee suggested that the Huber Heights Ward Representatives be involved with event, especially with advertisement. Ms. Sumlin had mentioned that the walk can start at Eichelberger, and the program will take place at New Seasons Ministry. Ms. Sumlin will ask HHCDAC Chairwoman Stephens, who is a minister at New Seasons, if the church will be available. The walk will start at 9:30am with arrival at 9:00am. The official program will begin at 10:00am. Ms. Newby had mentioned that MLK is typically observed as a day of community service and the HHCDAC should initiate a service project with the walk. The Outreach Committee proposed a station for a donation drive (non-perishable food items) as an option. Rev. Whitmore, Rev. Ward (Omega Baptist Church) or Bishop Martin were mentioned as good potential speakers for the program. The walk could start at Dick's Sporting Goods Store and end at New Seasons Ministry. (14 min walk-0.7 miles). Chairman Aikens will work on the advertisement for this event

C) Huber Heights Culture Festival-June 25th, 2022- 12pm-6pm

1) **Activities:** One activity idea is to have a kid a bouncy house. Any company that would provide this service would have their own insurance. A potential company is INNERGIZE (Ms. Kelly Gibson). Ms. Sumlin will contact Ms. Gibson. There will be passports for kids and adults to use for the various activities. Regarding activities, minimal physical contact is recommended due to COVID-19. The YMCA can be contacted to provide activities in-kind. Mr. Chris Lindeman (Executive Director for YMCA Huber Heights) can be contacted. Chairman Aikens will follow up.

2) **Signing Up Participants:** Ms. Honaker will be asked to continue to focus on setting up festival participants via Google Doc.

3) **DJ Contract/Commitment:** Oscar is available for \$600 to DJ but need sound assistance as the event will be outside. Ms. Sumlin would need to contact Mr. Eldridge Coates for sound. Mr. Coates fee is projected for \$900. Ms. Sumlin will follow up on this. Ms. Sumlin had recommended to see who the Military/Veterans Commission asked to do their sound for during the Marigold Festival.

4) **Ordering Materials-Dr. Aikens:** Chairman Aiken had presented a quote from Creativity 4 U for the materials. The cost for one thousand bags is \$2030.00. Based on the cost and availability of funds, the quantity of bags may need to be reduced from one thousand bags to five hundred bags. Chairman Aikens will request for a new quote for the reduction of bags to provide to Ms. Kathryn Knisley.

D) Juneteenth Celebration-June 19th, 2022

1) **Father's Day Funk Festival:** Chairman Aikens had mentioned conversation with Bryan. Based on the conversation with Mr. Bryan Chodkowski, the Rose 2022 event calendar and contracts have not yet been initiated. Ms. Sumlin did ask Ms. Knisley to put the date on the HH City Calendar. Chairman Aikens will follow up via email to Mr. Scott Falkowski and Mr. Chodkowski

2) **Event on City Calendar**

Chairman Aikens will follow up Mr. Scott Falkowski and Mr. Bryan Chodkowski via email on securing a date.

3) **Discuss Details**

Details still need to be finalized to get George Clinton, Lakeside, Slave, Parliament-Funkadelic, and Ohio Players

6. New Business:

No new business

7. **Adjournment:** The October Outreach Committee meeting was adjourned at 9:18 pm. Next meeting will be on November 23rd, 2021, at 7:30pm.

Respectively Submitted,
Ms. Jean A. Newby
HHCDCAC Outreach Committee Secretary