

**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: June 2, 2022

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Place: City Hall – 6131 Taylorsville Road – Council Chambers

Members Present:

Jean Newby
Carla Staigl
Tara Purvis
Arrick Richardson
Eric Stephens
Fred Aikens-excused
Bayram Gulalieu-excused
Yolanda Stephens - Chair
Rhonda Sumlin – Vice Chair

1. Call to Order

Chair Yolanda Stephens convened the Culture and Diversity
Citizen Action Commission at 7:04 P.M.

2. Roll Call

Roll call attendance was taken. Dr. Fred Aikens and Mr. Bayram
Gulalieu were excused from this meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes

Chair Yolanda Stephens asked if there were any changes to the minutes.
There were none. Tara Purvis motioned to approve the minutes from the
May 5, 2022 meeting; Rhonda seconded the motion. All members present
were in agreement. May 5th minutes were approved as written.

4. **Citizens Comments:** None

5. **Special Presentations:**

1. Gregg Hopkins, Executive Director of the Community Health Centers of Greater Dayton shared a presentation. The newest health center is located at 6625 Chambersburg Rd in Huber. That site opened in January and offers medical, behavioral health and dental services. The Community Health Centers of Greater Dayton will provide services regardless of ability to pay and offer services on a sliding pay-scale. The center is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) that allows for enhanced reimbursement for Medicare and Medicaid patients. The center is a non-profit and they offer a variety of educational and preventive services. The Community Health Centers of Greater Dayton have a Breast Health Equity grant, aimed at reducing the mortality rate for women, especially African American women.
2. Rhonda Sumlin, Vice Chair, welcomed three members of the 10 top G.P.A members from the 2022 Graduating class from Wayne High School. Rhonda was impressed by the diversity of the students in this graduating class and wanted to highlight them and their accomplishments.
 - a. Miguel A. was the valedictorian, the class president, a member of the National Honors Society, and a member of the Diversity Council. He is an immigrant from Mexico, the first person in his immediate family to graduate from High School and the first person in his family to attend college. He is going to attend the Ohio State University and will study Computer Science.
 - b. Raylee Lance was a member of the student council, vice president of the National Honors Society, marching band field commander, and a member of the Diversity Council at Wayne. She will be attending Purdue University.
 - c. Zora Johnson was a member of the Diversity Council, a member of the National Honors Society and section leader in the marching band. She will attend University of Cincinnati with a full scholarship.

Rhonda thanked them all for attending and noted that the certificates will be signed by the Mayor and returned.

6. Committee Reports

Advocacy Committee: Advocacy did not meet in June, there was no report to share.

Reform Committee: Committee Chair, Eric Stephens reported that the Reform meeting was held May 23, 2022. There were two main topics discussed at that meeting. One, closing out the topic of police interactions with those experiencing a mental health crisis. The committee is pleased with the current response to this need. The use of the CrisisNow hotline and the plan to eventually train all officers in Critical Intervention Training meet the request in the NAACP's 8-point initiative. The additional topic was the initial planning conversation for the two forums to be held with the police at the Middle and High Schools. Some initial ideas for topics to be covered at these forums were, knowing your rights during a police interactions, what does it take to be a police officer, what are the most common reasons for police interactions with youth and the importance of "see something, say something" from the youth in school.

7. Old Business:

A. Culture Week: Fliers are posted to Facebook and on Keyads

Juneteenth Funk Festival: Rhonda Sumlin provided the update for the Juneteenth Funk Festival. This event is June 19th from 5-10pm at the Eigelberger Pavilion with Fly City Funk Bank performing. Contracts were signed for the sound/lights and DJ.

Yolanda noted that the Commission can set-up a booth at the Farmers Market to advertise the Culture Week events. There are three dates before the event, the 4th, 11th and 18th of June. Decision was made for volunteers from the commission to attend the Farmers Market on those days to advertise. Shifts will be 10-12 and 12-2. Tara Purvis volunteered for the 4th and 11th and the rest of the Commission can add availability to the spreadsheet for the Culture Week events.

Health Fair: Rhona Sumlin provided the update for the Health Fair. This event is to be held on Monday, June 20, 2022 from 10-7pm at the Huber Community Center on Powell Rd. Premier Health will be there in the

evening to provide biometric screenings and BP checks. Community Health Centers of Greater Dayton will be present in the morning to provide a service similar to Premier Health. There are two chair massage providers, Helping Hands and Fabula Kneads. Virgil Carter from Express Fitness will have an exercise demo from 10-11am. COVID vaccines are available by request as well. Rhonda asked the Commission members to share their availability for assistance on that date. Looking for someone to do an evening fitness class and Eric Stephens volunteered to assist. Eric has previously completed seminars on health and healthy eating.

Financial Literacy Seminar: Jean Newby shared the update for this event. Discussed the status of the forum to be held Tuesday, June 21, 2022 from 6:30-8:30pm – Financial Literacy Forum – The event will be held at the Huber Heights Police Station. We will have access to the Community Room at 5:30 pm. The committee will discuss the logistics and content during the upcoming month. Ms. Newby will follow up with Katie regarding AV in the room. The speakers are Mr. Ron Jackson and Dwight Dewberry from PNC Bank.

Racism as a Public Health Crisis: Jean Newby shared the update for this event. Will focus on the social, economic and psychological Panelists -Ronald Jackson, MVFHC (Miami Valley Fair Housing Center) to discuss the economic impacts of racism. Dr. Sonia Hunt, Counselor at Central State University to discuss the mental aspects of racism. Ms. Taylor Curtis, Director of Racial Justice, and Equity with the YWCA (Cincinnati) and as a DEI specialist. The committee is asking all commission members to participate in the event. The committee will engage the panelist on topics that they would like to discuss. The hope is to have an open and honest conversation with city staff and city members regarding DEI issues. Jean would like all commission members to review the proclamation in advance of this conversation.

Honorariums/W-9 Forms - Have been sent over to Mrs. Knisley and Jean will follow up to confirm they have been received by the city.

Multicultural Festival: Ms. Rhonda Sumlin shared the update for this event. Rhonda had a meeting with Josh King and Chief Lightner and Regina from Fire and Mrs. Knisley. Chief Lightner shared there would be two uniformed officers present for the event and would see if any of the police explorers were available to help with parking. Josh King will have

someone to drop off cones for parking. Parking lot closest to the Aquatic Center is for handicapped and food trucks will be by the pavilion. No parking closest to the Aquatic Center. Dave Thomas, Performing Arts Council, will do the beer garden for the event. All proceeds will go to their non-profit. Food trucks need to be there by 9:30 to set-up.

Inspections will begin at 10 am. Regina will send out a list of what is needed for the inspections. 10' needed between trucks and those with a trailer do not need to be unhooked. Parks and Rec will do set-up and we are responsible for tear-down. DJ Sound: The purchase orders have been finalized and submitted to Ms. Knisley for review. Ms. Sumlin requested a final meeting with Mr. Oscar Pittman and Mr. Eldridge Coates on final planning. Regina is looking into protocols for First Aide needs. Parking is allowed in the neighborhood if needed.

Yolanda asked for a meeting with the City Council but it would be viewed as a quorum so that was not possible and would have to be scheduled as a joint meeting. She also asked the City Council members to be present and assist with the Culture Week event. Mayor Gore was asked to read the Juneteenth proclamation at the start of the event on June 19, 2022. Yolanda had not heard back at this time.

Sarah Williams shared that the advertisements have been posted to the sign at Cloud park, the Facebook pages and had gone up on Keyads. There has been a lot of feedback to the events already.

- B. **Commission Meetings**-Yolanda shared that beginning at the July meeting we will have one meeting and we will have task groups assigned. Noting that the commission will no longer meet in the committee groups, but will instead meet once monthly and have assigned task groups. This means the commission members will need to decide on some key goals and priorities for 2022-2023.
- C. **Goals and Key Priorities for 2022/2023**-The commission already has some key things that we have scheduled for the remainder of 2022. There is the Breast Cancer Awareness event in October for Make a Difference Day. The group had discussed working with other Boards and Commissions for this event. Advocacy will take the lead for the October event and we would like to have each commission contribute something to Make a Difference Day. Rhonda was going to reach out to the Chairs of the other Boards and Commissions to see what each Board would like to contribute to Make a Difference Day activities. As well as businesses and faith-based organizations. Rhonda will send out a date for that task

group to meet. Yolanda noted that Education will also have a task group to meet in order to discuss the forums.

D. Huber Heights Chamber of Commerce Meeting -Reminder that Yolanda will be presenting at the June 9, 2022 meeting @ 11:30 at Frickers for the Huber Heights Chamber of Commerce. Please make any edits needed for the presentation soon.

E. NAACP Ex-officio Member-Yolanda reached out to Derrick Forward, President-Dayton Chapter of the NAACP, and was connected with a community member, Felicia Hill. Yolanda shared videos and information about the Commission to see if she would be interested in serving in the role as the ex-officio member.

7. New Business:

A. City Manager Search and Recommendation-Yolanda noted concerns with the city manager search process and Yolanda would like to vote on submitting a formal recommendation to the City Council as a recommending Commission. Motion was made by Carla Staigl to approve a formal recommendation to City Council. It was seconded by Arrick Richardson. All members present voted in agreement. Yolanda read a draft of the formal recommendation. Edits were discussed among the group and agreed upon. Voting approved that a formal recommendation would be made that the City reassess the candidates to ensure that we have a highly qualified City Manager who meets the criteria outlined in the position description, recommending and advising that the city complete a transparent recruitment process in which key stakeholders are involved, including members of the community.

9. Adjournment-9:37pm.