

CULTURE AND DIVERSITY CITIZEN ACTION COMMISSION

City Hall - Council Chambers 6131
Taylorsville Road
MEETING MINTUES of January 5, 2023
7:00 P.M.

1. Call Meeting to Order 7:04pm by Chair, Yolanda Stephens

2. Roll Call:

Present: Jean Newby, Eric Stephens, Aaric Richardson, Carla Staigl, Yolanda Stephens, and Rhonda Sumlin

Absent: Bayram Gulalieu, Tara Purvis

Staff Present: Sarah Williams, Community Engagement Specialist

Motion to Excuse absences of Bayram Gulalieu and Tara Purvis (Motion CS, Second JN)

3. Approval of Minutes

Without objection, the minutes of the December 1, 2022 meeting are approved (Motion RS, Second CS)

4. Citizen Comments

None

5. Old Business

A. Citizen's Complaint Review Board

No updates as there hasn't been a planning meeting since the last Commission meeting. Next meeting target date will be sometime mid-January.

B. Education Forum

Attempt was made to contact Mr. Enix and Administrative Assistant (Teresa) at the schools. Ms. Staigl did finally make contact today (1/5) with Teresa and she believed Mr. Enix would be fine working with the SRO's. Security Director is also in the loop. Next steps to contact SRO's next week to seek input on topics. No date set yet. Suggestion to keep Matthew Housh, Dir of Curriculum and Instruction, in the loop as well. Keep in mind incentives to get students there because that will require funding approval.

C. 2023 MLK Day

Huber Heights City Schools has agreed to partner and underwrite the cost of hosting at their site on January 16, 2023. Meeting with Andrea Quisenberry, Dir of Culture and Equity Committee at Wayne. Will be updating last years program after meeting with Andrea and kids. Still looking for Mistress/Master of Ceremonies. Promotion will be through City Website, City Social Media, City building lobby boards, KeyAds, School website, flyers at the YMCA. Question came up about school alert/text system and Rhonda will ask. Suggestion about teachers offering incentive (extra credit) for students to be there. Suggestion for everyone to take some flyers to post on the community boards such as Panera, Churches, etc. Suggestion for a Call To Action integrated into the program for everyone to do something. Will be asking school if they can provide coffee or hot chocolate, but it may have to be purchased. PO needed for signs and printing and Rhonda will

coordinate with Sarah for all the printing needs.

D. Juneteenth Celebration and Multicultural Festival

A meeting date needs to be scheduled to focus on planning for these events no later than next month (Feb). Discussion was made not to do as much that week as last year. Rhonda is task leader for both of these events plus Jean. Dates are the 18th for Juneteenth and 24th for Multicultural Festival. Community Center has also been reserved for the community center. The suggestion was made to also reach out to other boards and commissions to assist with the events. Be thinking about forum topics and what day (Tuesday or Thursday). Jean suggested June 22 for the forum, but Yolanda suggested checking other neighboring community events to avoid competing with other things. Goal to have that info by next meeting. Better advertising of events. The suggestion was made to have some big signs made, radio station (93.7, Faith Daniels 102) and look at possibly utilizing funds to make it happen. Need to look at partnerships such as Premier if looking at health and wellness topics. Bring great ideas to our next meeting in February.

E. City Council recommendations

Multiple recommendation were brought forward last month to move toward City Council, but revisions needed to be made. These were also based off conversation with MVRPC's Fabrice Juin who was going to be present, but was unable to make it this month so is planning on attending February's meeting. Vote to table recommendations until Feb 2 meeting (Motion RS, Second JN). Sarah informed the commission that recommendations are to be made during the quarterly presentations. Sarah will send dates of when quarterly presentations are done at City Council Work Sessions. Sarah will work on getting CDCAC any process changes that have been made so everyone can be aware. Add a few recommendations under #7.

6. New Business

A. Election of Officers

2023 Nomination of Chair – Rhonda Sumlin (Motion ES, Second AR)

2023 Nomination of Vice Chair – Yolanda Stephens (Motion JN, Second CS)

B. Black History Month

Last year was a high school essay contest. Suggestion was made for a TikTok challenge since the youth will already be involved in the MLK event. Guidelines would need to be established for submissions based off the one that Rhonda has already established for the last one. There are still prizes of 2 echo's that the City still has that can be used (Sarah did verify they are still there). Rhonda and Yolanda will work on this.

C. Commission Open Seat

Sarah provided update and explained Christy Trotter was interviewed. Explained on previous applicant that there was no response. Christy will be voted on by Council on Monday and will join the CDCAC at February meeting. Discussion on why the urgency to fill the seat and interviews were scheduled over the holidays so candidates may not have been available because of timing.

D. 2023 Strategic Planning and Review of Commission Legislation and Focus


This is a whole meeting topic and once new person is on board we will review this. Please review because this will be a topic for discussion to ensure things we are doing are aligned with the legislation.


E. City Council Recommendations
Items 1 and 2 there were no revisions. Item 3 the revision we wanted to a sample job description and determine proposed management level. Everyone agreed to remove the sample job description and add that it needs to be management level position. Hold on Item 4 at this time. Move recommendation 1, 2, and 3 forward to City Council (Motion RS, Second JN) Vote 6-0. Move recommendation Federal Heritage Months forward to City Council (Motion RS, Second CS) Vote 6-0. Move recommendations Forms/Website Translation forward to City Council (Motion JN, Second RS) Vote 6-0.

7. Additional Items/Comments
Quarterly Presentation will be on 2/7. Send any thoughts, comments, etc. to Yolanda. Please attend if you can. Anyone who would like to speak let Yolanda know.

This coming Monday at the Council meeting at 6pm Ms. Martha Colson will be recognized due to a CDCAC recommendation.

8. Adjournment 8:50 pm



Yolanda Stephens, Vice Chair


Sarah Williams, Staff Liaison

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