

**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: September 7, 2023

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Place: City Hall – 6131 Taylorsville Road – Council Chambers

Members Present:

Mrs. Yolanda Stephens- Interim Chair
Ms. Jean Newby
Ms. Tara Purvis
Ms. Christy Trotter
Mr. Arrick Richardson
Mr Bayram Gulalieu
Mr. Eric Stephens
Mrs. Carla Staigl

1. Call to Order

Chair Mr. Eric Stephens convened the Culture and Diversity Citizen Action Commission at 7:06 P.M.

2. Roll Call

Roll call attendance was taken. Mrs. Yolanda Stephens was running late but in attendance at the meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes

The following minutes were approved unanimously at the beginning of this meeting with corrections.

- May 4, 2023
- June 1, 2023

Corrections to these minutes as followed, May 4, minutes under old business in reference to the second annual Juneteenth celebration; overall budget should be \$6,975 oppose to the \$7,175. Correct was due to the Dfunk item line, which is \$2,300, not \$2,500.

Corrections to June 1 minutes, under old business pertaining to the educational forum. A correction to Mr. Roger Rucker profession. He is a financial advisor for Prime America. Correction to last name from Rutger to Rucker.

4. Nomination & Election of Board Chair

- Commission votes to elect Mrs. Yolanda Stephens unanimously as Interim Chair.

5. Citizens Comments:

- None

6. Old Business

A. Culture Week Recap: Mr. Eric Stephens shared the updates from that weekend about the good and bad. Sunday started Juneteenth celebration and then midweek was the educational forum. Ended the week with the cultural festival. Mr. Stephens recalls a great attendance. People seemed to enjoy themselves. Vendors did well at the events. Roughly 500 people came out for the events. Mrs. Staigl commended the folks who came out in support, as other cities had events going on as well. Mrs. Staigl hopes the commission can secure volunteers earlier and prep a game plan for next year. As well to show appreciation to the volunteers with some sort of gift. Mr. Stephens makes comments regarding advertisement for events. Mr. Stephens directs comments about the educational forum that focused on Health Physical and Mental/ Financial Health. Mr. Stephens addresses that he would hope for more folks to attend these forums in the future. Ms. Newby speaks about the great information that was shared at the forums. She hopes to address key topics that come from the forum which was related to food sovereignty/ food access. Ms. Newbie looks to reassess the lack of participation from the forums. Mr. Richardson voiced his concerns about ways in which we residents could be better engaged.

Commission addresses ways to engage City Council members to attend functions. The Commission sends an open invitation to the Council to join them for future planning discussions on City events.

- B. **Diversity Training Update:** Mr. Adams told the Commission that he hopes to get a total number of current staff and board members who have and haven't gone through training at next month's meeting.
- C. **Council Recommendations Update:** Staff plans to meet and discuss next steps on status of recommendations internally.
- D. **Set Dates for 2024:** New dates are to be announced at the next meeting.



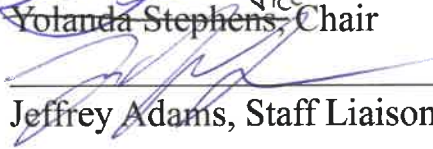
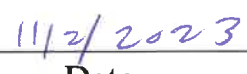
7. New Business

- A. **Special Discussion – Ms. Rhonda Sumlin:** Ms. Sumlin presented her reasons as to why she was no longer a member of CDCAC. Commission votes to elect Ms. Sumlin unanimously as Ex-Officio member of CDCAC.
- B. **Commission Goals and Future Initiatives:** Commission hopes to have formal discussion at the next meeting.

8. Additional Items

- A. Next Meeting October 5, 2023.

9. Adjournment -9:27 p.m.

 _____ Yolanda Stephens, Chair	 _____ Date
 _____ Jeffrey Adams, Staff Liaison	 _____ Date