

**MINUTES OF THE DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

ELK GROVE CITY HALL
8400 Laguna Palms Way
Elk Grove, CA 95758
Council Chambers

Tuesday, July 20, 2021.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

The Diversity and Inclusion Commission meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

Members present: Jessica Carter; Dr. Ashok Shankar; Kristofer Tan; Tina Lee-Vogt; Gurjatinder Randawa; Mohinder Singh; Rev. Dr. Raymond Hess; Jinky Dolar

Staff:

Kristyn Laurence, Public Affairs Manager
Hannah Gray, Elk Grove Police Department PIO

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Agenda approved unanimously

3. APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES:

June Meeting Minutes approved unanimously

4. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

- Teresa Gutierrez – ARTners – received grant from city of Elk Grove. Created a series of art events called Art Grove. Attended to encourage Commission to partner for next event, Dia de los Muertos on Oct 30 – planning to do a larger event that would start around 2pm and go into the evening. Marcos – cofounder of ARTners – asking for support from Commission as well. Also participating in mural stamp program at Samuel Jackson to share in teenage commonalities
- Alejandro – encouraged City to have a platform for young people to connect (ex: Instagram, Facebook, hashtags, etc.)

5. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

- Kristyn Laurence – reminder Commissioners should have received an invitation to Old Town Plaza opening celebration. There will be food trucks as well

- Hannah Gray – EGPD will partner with a local reporter who wrote a bilingual (Spanish/English) multicultural book for September

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/REPORTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Supporting ARTners and other community building events for Hispanic/Latinx community
- Governor approved funds for anti-Asian hate – standing item for updates on what EG is doing regarding this topic/with the funding

7. REGULAR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

7.1 SUBJECT: Review Proposed Council Proclamation for Diversity Month 2021 COMMISSION DISCUSSION/ACTION:

- July 28 will be City Council's first in-person meeting and the proclamation will be addressed. Commission had no changes for the proclamation. Tina will attend the meeting
- Jessica motioned to approve proclamation and move it forward to City Council, seconded by Dr. Shankar, all approved

7.2 SUBJECT: 2021-22 Education Series Update COMMISSION DISCUSSION/ACTION:

- Cultural Connection – opportunities to share stories that tie into different themes. First of series will be Hispanic Heritage on Thursday, September 30 at District 56 and will educate community through storytelling

7.3 SUBJECT: Diversity Month Events and Activities Planning Session COMMISSION DISCUSSION/ACTION:

- Sign-ups for Diversity Month booths
- Smoked Paprika t-shirt color
- Add ARTners to flyer for August 19

7.4 SUBJECT: Commission Meeting Schedule and Agenda COMMISSION DISCUSSION/ACTION:

- City Council is resuming in-person meetings beginning July 28 with a hybrid style. The meeting also can be attended on zoom for August and September only
- The Commission has the option to meet virtually or in-person for August and September. After September 30, the Governor is rescinding the emergency order that allowed virtual meetings, so the Commission will have to meet in-person after September 30.
 - Kristofer Tan motioned to continue virtual meetings for August and September, seconded by Jessica

In Favor: 5 Opposed: 1 Abstained: 1

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Jessica motion to adjourn, seconded Dr. Shankar, approved through consensus at 7:13PM