

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

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

Tuesday, September 21, 2021.

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

The Diversity and Inclusion Commission meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM

Members present: Dr. Bhavin Parikh; Jessica Carter; Dr. Ashok Shankar; Tina Lee-Vogt; Mohinder Singh; Rev. Dr. Raymond Hess; Jinky Dolar; Arjumand Azeemi

Staff:

Kristyn Laurence, Public Affairs Manager  
Jodie Moreno, Community Events and Special Projects Coordinator  
Hannah Gray, Elk Grove Police Department PIO

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Agenda approved unanimously

**3. APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES:**

August Meeting Minutes approved unanimously

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

- Raquel – gratitude for assistance with Art Show

**5. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:**

- Council will be passing proclamation recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month Wednesday, September 22
- Council will be discussing in-person meetings Wednesday, September 22
- Hannah Gray is moving to an acting sergeant role, Jason will be working with us going forward
- Reading event went well

**6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/REPORTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Jinky – anti-bullying month is in October, does the EGPD have any information on bullying in Elk Grove? – no specific stats at this time
- Bhavin – questions regarding vandalism encouraged by tik tok and violence at high schools
- Bhavin – oxygen concentrators were purchased and sent to India and an oxygen plant has been installed and another one is in progress
- Dr. Shankar – met with a Board of Director from SMUD who is interested in what we do and would like to meet to discuss potential joint programs
- Bhavin – Sierra Donor organization are invited to speak in our October meeting
- Jinky – October is Mental Health Awareness, Domestic Violence, and Anti-Bullying Month – OCA would like the City to partner with promoting what the OCA is doing
- Speaker for October to discuss mental health for October meeting. This will be broad and apply to all ethnicities/genders as well as tips for self-care
- Bhavin and Arjumand will draft a proclamation for Mental Health **Motion** for Bhavin and Arjumand to draft a proclamation for Mental Health Awareness on behalf of the Commission, **seconded** by Reverend Hess, All in Favor, Motion Carries

## **7. REGULAR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

### **7.1 SUBJECT: Diversity Month Events and Activities Recap**

#### **COMMISSION DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

- Jodie provided recap
- Verna and Raquel presented with certificates of appreciation

### **7.2 SUBJECT: Cultural Connections Event Update**

#### **COMMISSION DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

- Event will be September 30 at NeighborGood Market
- Diverse speakers that highlight differences within Hispanic Culture
- Staffing sheet will be distributed for volunteer sign-up

### **7.3 SUBJECT: Festival of Lights Event Update**

#### **COMMISSION DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

- For health reasons, this year's event may be cancelled
- It is tentatively scheduled for October 21

## **8. ADJOURNMENT:**

Jessica motion to adjourn, seconded Jinky, approved through consensus at 7:13PM