

**MINUTES OF THE DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING**

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

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

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

The Diversity and Inclusion Commission meeting was called to order at 6:06pm

**Members Present:**

Tina Lee-Vogt- Chair  
Jessica Carter- Vice Chair- *Excused*  
Michael Thomas, Communication Lead  
Delia Baulwin-*Excused*  
Brent Burfield  
Jinky Dolar  
Kelly Le  
Bhavin Parikh  
Jenny Rodriguez  
Reina Tarango

**Staff:**

Jason Jimenez

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion to approve by Bhavin Parikh  
Second by Michael Thomas, All in favor

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

Motion to approve by Reina Tarango  
Second by Bhavin Parikh, All in favor

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

Shout out to Nascar racer from Elk Grove, Kyle Larson for making to top 5 drivers in Nascar Cup Series

Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> Solidarity with Palestine event was nice

**5. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:**

- Jason reminded us regarding Smithsonian event, if you have not gotten postcard invite, contact him to notify school district.
- DUI checkpoint on Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

- Annual report for 2023 to be released
  - Hiring
  - Crime stats
  - Community events
  - Etc.
 (2023 included 2 hate crimes- there is a decline from last few years)
- Coffee with a cop on 4/3 at McDonalds on EGB
- Graduating 1<sup>st</sup> class of 2024- Citizens Academy- (11 week academy)
  - Working on a 6-week teens program (aiming for summer 2024)
  - Intent is to provide transparency on how the program works

#### 5.1 Introduction of new member, Brent Burfield

- Works with Seat at the Table as operations manager for community initiative (nonprofit)
- Membership with Stonewall Democrats
- Rainbow Chamber involvement (LGBTQ)

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

- Bhavin Parikh: Interfaith council of Elk Grove  
In front of city hall- faith leaders encouraged peace in the community

OCA- GACL- Washington DC leadership summit, nominated from Sac Chapter, went to white house, met Chief of Staff/Policy advisor- mental health focus, receptive and fruitful meeting.

Other topics included, anti-hate, immigration, gun violence, resources for kids in the school

He gave our commission a shout out.

- Kelly Le: Norcal Vietnamese Chamber, VACOS board installation 5/18, Mayor and Vice Mayor will be there. Will be installed as President.
- Jinky: AAPI heritage month events will be coming up- OCA will be having 29<sup>th</sup> year gala, over 500 people  
Domestic Violence month- My Sister House gala as well  
Lu Mien festival Hiram Johnson High School – 10am-4pm
- Reina: May MMIW Event to take place at the State Capitol  
Tribes from around the state will be coming up (first week of May)
- Tina: Reminder: Mayor's State of the City 3/29

- Ohm: State of the Youth Forum: Get to know what the city does for teens, 3/21  
Family Fun 4/13
- Jenny: Dance on the Edge- first event was 3/15- great reviews, next event 4/19 District  
56 at 6pm
- Brent: Seat at the table hosting EG Speaks 3/26

## **7. Regular agenda action items/recommendations**

- 7.1 Review draft for proclamation National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People  
Motion to approve by Jinky Dolar  
Second by Kelly Le, All in favor
  - 7.2 Review draft for proclamation for Vietnamese American Heritage Month  
Motion to approve w/changes by Reina  
Second by Bhavin Parikh, All in favor  
Note: Kelly would like to have the proclamation presented at the Board Installation Gala 5/18.
  - 7.3 Subcommittee Reports
    - 7.3.1 Cultural Connections: Filipino Heritage Month
      - Meeting to be scheduled- Tina will send note out to see availability for meeting
        - Format
        - City of Elk Grove- Helps with event space
    - 7.3.2 Equity Engagement:
      - No updates at this time
    - 7.3.3 Multicultural Connections:
      - All hands-on deck on day of
      - September 14<sup>th</sup>- 10am-5pm
        - Free for non profit
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    - 7.3.4 Sister Cities:
      - No updates at this time
    - 7.3.5 City Code of Ethics:
      - Meeting to be scheduled
- Committee Discussion/Action:

Adjourn at 6:58 by Reina Tarango  
Second by Jinky Dolar, All in favor