



City of Hutto

MINUTES

Diversity and Inclusion Commission
Monday, October 19, 2021 at 6:30PM
City Council Chambers

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1. CALL SESSION TO ORDER- 6:35 PM

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: Commissioner Spoons, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Gonzales, Commissioner Prieto

3. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

4. GENERAL COMMENTS FROM CITY STAFF - None

5. GENERAL COMMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES – Councilmember Krystal Kinsey thanked the D&I Commission for attending the National Night Out event. She informed the commission that the Treats on East event is a fast-paced event and will not allow for in depth discussions and suggested the use of the QR code to assist with providing information. She also advised that a new commission member has applied. She has not been officially nominated but it should be presented before City Council at Thursday's meeting.

6. GENERAL COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

None

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1. Consideration and possible action on approval of the August 17, 2021 D&I Commission meeting minutes.

On September 27, 2021, Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 17, 2021 D&I Commission meeting. At that time, Commissioner Spoons seconded the motion. A vote was not called at that time. Assistant City Secretary, Gracie Perez, explained that it was added again to the October 19, 2021 meeting agenda for that reason. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve of minutes, items 7.1 and 7.2. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (4:0)

7.2. Consideration and possible action on approval of the September 27, 2021 D&I Commission meeting minutes.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve of minutes, items 7.1 and 7.2. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (4:0)

7.3. Discussion regarding National Night Out.

Commissioner Thompson advised that he added this to the agenda to discuss the event and how well it went. He thanked the commissioners for all of their work at the event. A discussion ensued. Commissioner Gonzales stated that there were people attending the event, some of which expressed an interest in joining the commission.

7.4. Discussion and possible action regarding the goals of the D&I subcommittees.

At the previous meeting, the commission established their objectives for the three subcommittees; Training, Calendar & Events and Assessments. Commissioner Thompson asked commissioners to share their top three goals for each subcommittee. Commissioner Gonzales serves on the Calendar and Events subcommittee. She advised that she would like to see two-sided information boards displayed at future events. Some examples of what information the boards would provide would include historical facts as well as cultures, holidays and different world celebrations and how they relate to members of our local community. The boards would be updated and share different facts at each event. Commissioner Gonzales has been in contact with the scout master to possibly assist with this project. Another goal would be having an updated calendar covering upcoming local events and holidays.

Regarding the goals of the Assessment committee, Commissioner Thompson named two goals. One goal is completing and launching the city-wide assessment by the end of the year. The second goal would be to create an action plan once the information/feedback from the city-wide assessment results are received. The subcommittee could partner with the Calendar and Event subcommittee to create events or social mixers, inviting guest or motivational speakers, etc.

The Training Subcommittee's goals are to complete a training a month focused on different aspects of Diversity and Inclusion, beginning November 2021. Also, another goal would be to develop a training schedule that is open to community members on topics specific to Diversity and Inclusion.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve the goals of the subcommittees as set on Item 7.4. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7.5. Discussion and possible action on City Assessment review.

Commissioner Thompson provided a copy of a survey that is available in English and Spanish. The referenced survey was used in another city. There was a discussion on how to create a similar survey and the manner in which it can be distributed to the citizens of Hutto.

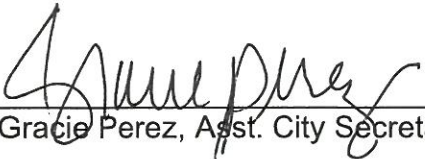
7.6. Planning and discussion on National Night Out.

A discussion regarding event planning ensued.

- 7.7. Planning and discussion on Trick or Treat with Downtown Hutto Businesses.
A discussion regarding event planning ensued. The commission will need to purchase candy to hand out to the trick-or-treaters. A request to add to the item to the city council agenda, requesting the funds was made.

8. ADJOURNMENT – 8:18 PM

ATTEST:


Gracie Perez, Asst. City Secretary


Brian Thompson, Chair