

## Recap of the Hillsborough County Diversity Advisory Council (DAC) Meeting October 5, 2016

The October 5, 2016 Hillsborough County Diversity Advisory Council meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chair Ortiz. Members present: Chair Ortiz, Vice-Chair Howell, Francis Joseph, Gamal Gasser, Roxanne Bartley, Lisa Demmi, Leticia Haynes, Terry Kemple, Tonni Bacoat-Jones, Raed Khawaja, Kamal Patel, Virgil Perry, Patti Sanchez, Satish Sharma, Jennifer Shiver, Lynnette Stine, and James Tokley. Members absent: Kate Shaw, Leon Herndon, and Robert Chen. A quorum was present. Staff present: Tony Morejon from the Office of Community Affairs, Albert Coleman from the Office of Community Affairs, Jennie Tarr from the County Attorney's Office and Zuleyka Carbajal from the Equal Opportunity Administrator's Office.

**Public Comment:** Mr. David McCallister spoke regarding tax supported forums being narrowly focused. He commented that we already have forums dealing with community policing, which should take care of the issues regarding Mr. Gasser's proposals from last time. He spoke regarding equal treatment.

### **Old Business:**

**Approval of September 7, 2016 Meeting Recap:** Mr. Kemple advised of a number of things that that he saw in the minutes that he would like to point out. In Public Comment, Mr. Wolfe's comments, on the last sentence, of the first paragraph it states he asked the DAC to use their Resolution R12-112 which gives them advising authority and allows them to serve as ambassadors, and ambassadors doesn't appear. He thinks that should be stricken. Mr. Kemple wants to point out that it should probably be added that the Resolution Mr. Wolfe presented also says that the June 12<sup>th</sup> Commemoration shall include, "other appropriate activities as approved by the County Administrator, or recommended by the Diversity Advisory Council", he thinks that this should be part of the minutes. Mr. Kemple advised that there was no mention of the discussion that we had about action vs. advisory council, that it should be in the recap. Mr. Kemple mentioned that there was a comment that the past Advisory Council had discussed that and the term that was used was ad nauseam, it had been discussed a lot but none of the new people were in any of those discussions. Mr. Kemple stated that Council discussed that we were supposed to be an Advisory Council, which is what we were chartered to be. Mr. Kemple stated that he had made a statement that a group should not go see Mr. Gasser's masjid, because he thought that might be a violation of the Sunshine Law, and the comment was made that we have to be able to speak to our constituents, there was no intent on his part that we were not to speak to our constituents, that is our purpose and what we were put here for, but doing it in groups of two or more put us in potential of violation of the Sunshine Law. Mr. Kemple pointed out that there is no mention of the vote to further discuss Mr. Gasser's proposal, there was a vote, and it should be noted in the minutes. Mr. Kemple noted that the way Mr. Gasser's proposal is presented as Middle Eastern Community Proposal discussion, and he wants the video reviewed because he thought that a generic program was going to overlay what Mr. Gasser has brought and what others had brought. Mr. Kemple objects to the term Islamophobia as stated on the minutes, he would like them stricken from the minutes. Chair Ortiz noted that they cannot be taken off the minutes because it was something that was already said. Mr. Kemple stated that he would remove his objection to it in the minutes and bring it up in New Business. Mr. Kemple made a motion to approve the Meeting Recaps of September 7, 2016 with the changes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tokley. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

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Chair Ortiz advised that Ms. Tarr would be at the meeting, but since she had not gotten there that they could have the conversation that was brought up by Mr. Kemple regarding the phobia terminology. There was a discussion amongst the members regarding the Diversity Advisory Council and what the Council represents. The term phobia was discussed. Chair Ortiz asked the members to try and avoid using that terminology when things are discussed.

Mr. Coleman advised the members of the new binders that each member would get at the beginning of each meeting with the agenda, Meeting Recaps, and other DAC documents included in the binder.

### **Orientation Part II:**

Ms. Tarr welcomed all of the new members to the DAC.

Ms. Tarr went over and reviewed the Rules of Order and the Resolutions of the Diversity Advisory Council with the members.

Mr. Kemple made a motion that he would like to make a revision to his original revision to the meeting minutes of September 7, 2016, the minutes do include the word ambassador. The motion was seconded by Mr. Joseph. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

**Middle Eastern Community Proposal Discussion:** Mr. Gasser discussed how at last meeting they were asked to bring to the next meeting a five point suggestion on item. Mr. Coleman stated that he has some, but he does not have all of them. Mr. Coleman stated that he was going to compile them all together, but in the meantime what he had was going to be passed out.

Mr. Ortiz stated that he recommend that the data gets compiled together to make sure we get everybody's feedback, and for the ones that have not send in their responses to submit them. He would like for the members to consider putting together a sub-committee to review and assess the data to give recommendations.

Mr. Kemple noted to refer back to the first page of the Resolution and that the DAC is to collect information and advise the BOCC. What he suggested last month and what he suggests again is to work on a procedure.

Ms. Tarr provided clarity on if action is taken and an action is decided on, if all members will be attending event, what that means for the Sunshine Law. Ms. Tarr explained if two or more members are together at a function or meeting, there is a possibility of business coming up, so there would have to be Public Notice for the meeting. There should be notice within 3 days of the meeting.

There was discussion regarding the issue of the council serving in an advisory manner. Mr. Kemple advised that there should be a procedure in place to bring certain ideas to the BOCC.

Mr. Kemple made a motion to establish a subcommittee to develop a procedure for how we address issues that occur in the community and present them to the BOCC for their decision on how to move forward on those issues, and that it should be made up of at least five people, if not more. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tokley. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

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Ms. Demmi advised that it should not be an open ended number and that it should be limited to five people. Ms. Demmi made that a suggestion and amendment to Mr. Kemple's motion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tokley. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Six people volunteered for the subcommittee, which included: Ms. Bartley, Mr. Kemple, Mr. Howell, Mr. Gasser, Ms. Demmi, and Mr. Patel.

Mr. Kemple made a motion to make the subcommittee the six people that volunteered. Ms. Bartley seconded that motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Gasser advised that with the new team that is formed, that within one week everybody should submit their five points, and that within one week after that, for Mr. Coleman to compile all of the information. Mr. Gasser also suggested that a week following that, that the subcommittee should have a meeting to take a look at all of the ideas and come up with a solution and present it to the DAC at the next meeting.

The DAC should submit their five points by October 12<sup>th</sup>, and then staff will provide the information to the subcommittee by October 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Business:**

Mr. Kemple mentioned that the DAC had voted to add four new categories, which are: Veterans, Seniors, Youth, and Refugees.

Mr. Coleman advised that an agenda item would have to be done and it would be presented to the BOCC. That once it gets on as an agenda item the DAC would be notified.

Mr. Gasser commented that the DAC needs to discuss the next major event, timing, and any changes. Chair Ortiz said that it would be discussed at the next meeting.

### **Announcements & Council Member Reports**

Mr. Joseph notified the group that he received an e-mail as he was walking into the meeting from the Haitian community regarding Hurricane Mathew. They are now accepting monetary donations, and non-perishable goods at the Haitian Cultural Center, which is at 12703 N. Florida Avenue. This will take place on October 6<sup>th</sup> from 4 pm – 7 pm and October 8<sup>th</sup> from noon – 7 pm. Other dates and times will be announced. There will be a go fund me page on their website.

Ms. Bartley advised the group that non-perishable items also include toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, feminine products, etc.

Ms. Stein mentioned to the group that she attended the YES fair and that Ms. Forsell, former member was there. She commented that it was a big event with a lot of different organizations in attendance.

Mr. Coleman notified the group of the Community Law Enforcement Workshop in Clairmel. The event will be on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm – 8:45 pm. Members would have to attend both days if volunteering to go. The location is Clairmel Elementary and there are 8 slots to the DAC. The 8 members attending will be: Mr. Tokley, Mr. Sharma, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Ortiz, Mr. Gasser, and Mr. Perry.

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Mr. Coleman notified the group of the Unity in the Community event. The DAC is being given a vendor table. The event will be on October 16<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at Centennial Park in Ybor City. They are wanting to see if anybody can provide entertainment. Members planning on attending are Mr. Ortiz, Ms. Stein, Mr. Howell, and Mr. Joseph.

Ms. Bartley informed the group that the subcommittee agreed to meet on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Next Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 2, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.