

Recap of the Hillsborough County Diversity Advisory Council (DAC) Meeting April 4, 2018

April 4, 2018 Hillsborough County Diversity Advisory Council meeting was called to order at 6:42 p.m. by Tony Morejon. Members present: Reham Fared, Jennifer Shiver, Alvin Jin, Xolani Kacela, Lynnette Stine, Ann Nguyen, David McCallister, Raed Khawaja, Yvette Jones, and Marta Pearson. Members absent: Chair Perry (Notified), Vice Chair Patel (Did not Notify), Terrence Kemple (Notified), Sean Colin (Did not Notify), Edelyn Verona (Notified), Jermaine White (Notified), and Conchita Burpee (Did not Notify). There was a quorum present. Staff present: Tony Morejon, Office of Community Affairs, Albert Coleman, EOA/Office of Community Affairs, and Carmen LoBue, ADA officer/ Office of Community Affairs.

Visitors: 3

Public Comment: HK Edgerton, President of Southern Heritage 411, he is from North Carolina. He had some questions regarding the Diversity Advisory Council. He would put the questions in writing so that Mr. Morejon would answer them for him.

Approval of March 7, 2018 Meeting Recap: Mr. McCallister commented that at last meeting, he brought up topic of setting up outreach at Public Libraries. He thought it would be on the agenda. The recap stated that Chair Perry suggested adding the issue, but he thought he had committed adding the issue. A motion was made by Ms. Pearson to approve March 7, 2018 meeting recap. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jones. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Mr. McCallister requested that the topic of Outreach at Public Libraries be added to the next agenda.

A motion was made by Ms. Pearson to approve March 7, 2018 meeting recap. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jones. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

New Business:

Update on One Hillsborough Diversity Fest: Ms. Fared gave an update on the progress of the One Hillsborough Diversity Fest and all of the things that are already set in place.

More volunteers and donations for door prizes are needed. Music from the performers is needed ahead of time.

Other Business:

Mr. McCallister stated once again, that he would like to see on the next agenda the parameters for properly conducting community outreach in public libraries and other venues, to hold like an open forum.

A motion was made by Mr. McCallister that the DAC pursue the opportunity for a process for setting up community outreach meetings. Mr. Morejon suggested there should be a discussion, to be at the next meeting. Mr. McCallister withdrew his motion. It will be on next month's agenda to be discussed.

Ms. Shiver requested that at the next meeting she wanted to discuss a possible motion to bring before the board to have a sensory friendly hurricane shelter during the next hurricane season. There are disability shelters, but it is difference to bring in an autistic child into a shelter like that.

Ms. LoBue commented that tomorrow, April 5th, at the Children's Board, there's a Disaster Emergency Preparedness Initiative. All non-profits are welcome. It will be from 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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Announcements:

Ms. Stine announced that it was Festa Italiana Weekend, at Ybor City starting Friday night, April 6th – April 8th.

Mr. McCallister announced that the Dunedin Scottish Games is April 7th. April is Southern History Month. Confederate Memorial Holiday is April 26th.

Mr. McCallister also stated that he attended the Arthenia Joyner Library opening. He attended the St. Patrick's Day in Ybor City. He has been to two BOCC meetings, March 14th and April 4th.

Ms. Pearson stated that the all access TV station, TBCN is providing certification classes for people to become producers. The cost is normally \$2000.00, but the County has provided money for people to take the classes for free.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Ms. Stine to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Khawaja. Meeting adjourned 7:37pm.

Next Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 2, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.