



MINUTES
COMMUNITY DIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
VILLAGE GREEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
WEDNESDAY
May 19, 2021
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting began at 6:06 p.m. Those present included: Heather Karr, Councilmember; Andy White, City Manager; Stephen Hrytzik, Chief of Police; Dustin Sun; Dee Miller; Taylor Brown; Karen J. Mitchell, City Clerk, and other interested parties. Robert Davis and Elina Coyne were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of April 21, 2021 were approved as written.

NEW ITEMS:

- a. Mission Statement/Goals of CDAC: Heather reviewed the mission statement and rules with the Committee and asked if there were any additions or changes.

MOTION: There were no changes or additions to the Mission Statement and it was approved by consensus as written.

MOTION: Heather asked that the Rules and Regulations be amended to add the date of the first meeting of March 17, 2021 to Section (B) Terms. There were no other changes or additions and the Rules and Regulations were approved by consensus as amended.

- b. Potential Festival Dates: The Committee decided to target August 29 as a potential festival date. Andy said that the Operations Committee is looking at a contract with a planning company who would handle City events moving forward. He also mentioned that perhaps the City could sponsor this inaugural event, looking at it as an investment; however, going forward beyond that, it would be structured to be self-sustaining. Andy mentioned that there is no in-house resource for this. Dee suggested that the Committee meet again before the next regularly scheduled meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

Andy will talk to the Powell Concert Band to see if they would be available to provide music. He will circle back with Heather later this week to discuss if the City can take the ideas, incorporate them into the budget, and have a professional help put this into action for the Committee.

Taylor will talk to a friend that does graphics to see if she could put something together.

Dustin can potentially provide hula dancers, martial arts acts and some possible bands.

Heather will reach out to Pam Miller at the Chamber of Commerce. Heather will also talk to Elina about her Passport to Powell concept and her connection with the Fred Astaire Dance Studio. Heather was contacted by Tamika Vincent Reed, African American Heritage Council in Delaware who is also the PR person for Help Line Delaware. She is interested in being a part the conversation regarding the festival. Heather will ask her to come to the next meeting.

Chief will reach out to the citizen's police academy to see if there is interest in helping with a possible raffle.

- c. Holidays: Taylor provided a detailed list of multi-cultural holidays. The group decided to focus on celebratory holidays. These could be pushed out on social media and through the City website. Taylor will send another calendar that is used by corporations. Taylor recommended the possibility of tying a restaurant discount with the listed holidays.
- d. Social Media Concerns: Heather suggested that in light of the negative comments about the Committee calming down, that the Committee let it go and focus on moving forward. Dustin expressed some concern about the need of having someone responding to the negative comments.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m. The next regular meeting of June 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. will be cancelled and a Special Meeting will be scheduled via Zoom for June 2, 2021 at 6:00 pm.