



MINUTES

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

111 N Powell Parkway, Anna, TX 75409

Thursday, July 7, 2022 @ 6:30 PM

The Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Commission of the City of Anna met at 6:30 PM, on July 7, 2022, at the Anna City Hall, Located at 111 North Powell Parkway (Hwy 5), to consider the following items below.

1. **Call to Order, Roll Call & and Establishment of Quorum.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 by Theresa King-Bell. 5/7 members were present. Present: Alfredo Fernandez, Elijah Nelms, Dallen Morgan, Elizabeth Knapp, Theresa King-Bell. Absent: Christopher Prothro, Sinisa Slavnic.

2. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.**

Dallen Morgan led the invocation.

3. **Neighbor's Input.**

No neighbors' comments.

4. **Reports.**

a. City development and engagement opportunity: Neighbor Academy

Staff liaison Kimberly Winarski presented on Neighbor Academy. It was restarted in 2021 as a 10-week program that serves as an intro to city government. In Fall 2021, 30 applied and 15 were accepted for limited physical capacity. In Fall 2022, we are hoping to accept 20-25 applicants for a Thursday evening session. There is the potential to do a daytime program in Spring 2023.

b. Engagement opportunity: Henry Clay "Yank" Washington Park ribbon cutting July 12

Staff liaison Kimberly Winarski invited neighbors to attend the Henry Clay "Yank" Washington Park ribbon cutting on July 12 in the West Crossing Neighborhood.

c. Meeting schedule and attendance policy

Staff liaison Kimberly Winarski outlined the meeting schedule for the remainder of the board term. Meetings for Fall 2022-Spring 2023 are 1st Tuesday of the month. If a member has more than 3 absences in a calendar year, they can be removed from the board. Councilmember Ussery described how City Council will make decision to remove typically at the end of the term and the seat is opened up in June (exceptions for early release).

Persons with a disability who want to attend this meeting who may need assistance should contact the Assistant City Manager's office at 972-924-3325 two working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

- d. Review rules of procedure governing City Council and Board and Commission meetings

Staff liaison Kimberly Winarski gave everyone a copy of Resolution No. 2010-11-05. Members inquired about dress code needing to be updated. Kimberly Winarski said she will contact her manager about procedure for change and then will be placed on the agenda for August Meeting.

5. **Items For Individual Consideration.**

- a. Consider/Act/Discuss Conversation Starters calendar

Staff liaison Kimberly Winarski provided a look at the agendas for the months ahead. Alfredo Fernandez volunteered to lead August. Elijah volunteered for September. October is anticipated to be the Community Listening Session. Past conversation topics were generational bias, serving neighbors with disabilities, and race and ethnicity categories and what they mean to people.

- b. Consider/Act/Discuss approval of the June 21, 2022 Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Commission Meeting minutes

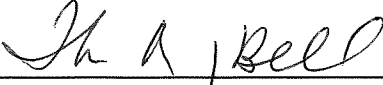
Alfredo Fernandez motioned to approve. Elijah Nelms seconded. 5-0-0, motion passed.

Dallen asked about putting agenda items on the agenda. Staff liaison Kimberly Winarski answered that if someone wants something on the agenda, they need to contact Kimberly W. prior to the meeting.

Meeting location was discussed for August. Councilmember Ussery mentioned that an update will be given at the City Council Meeting held next week.

6. **Adjourn.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Theresa Bell, Chairperson



Kimberly Winarski, Staff liaison