



MINUTES

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION ADVISORY COMMISSION SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

120 W. 7th St., Anna, TX 75409

Monday, February 26, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

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

Theresa King-Bell called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Commission Members Present: Theresa King-Bell, Glenn Brown, Elijah Nelms, Yoshanda Sims, Dallen Morgan and Valencia Edwards. Quorum is present.

Commission Members Absent: Rahul Luthra

Others in Attendance: Assistant City Manager Taylor Lough, Assistant to the City Manager Kimberly Winarski, Neighborhood Services Director Marc Marchand, Assistant Director of Neighborhood Services Jeff Freeth, and Recreation Coordinator Tristen Pierce.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Dallen Morgan provided an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Neighbor's Input.

None.

4. Items for Individual Consideration

a. Discuss the role of the City of Anna in acknowledging and celebrating Heritage Months and Identity Recognitions.

Taylor Lough explained this item is intended for the Commission to provide director for the city to acknowledge and celebrate heritage months and identity recognitions. Theresa Bell read eight recognized heritage months. Glenn Brown suggested adding educational information to the city's website for each recognition. Elijah Nelms suggested sharing a calendar with events that may be in other cities. Theresa King-Bell asked that this item be amended for action at the next meeting.

b. Consider/Discuss/Act to advise the City Council to celebrate Anna's neighbors from diverse backgrounds for their engagement in Anna Neighbor Academy.

Glenn Brown proposed that the city recognize the diverse participants of Neighbor Academy at the multicultural event or social media. Theresa King-Bell made a motion to advise the City Council for the Mayor to recognize the participants of Neighbor Academy in a public way such as on social media. Glenn Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed.

c. Consider/Discuss/Act to develop a process flow and procedural guidelines for the Commission.

Glenn Brown provided a draft document with information on the Home Rule Charter and City Council Resolutions. Commission members will provide feedback to staff for review at the next meeting.

d. Consider/Discuss/Act next steps for National Day of Prayer.

Dallen Morgan reached out to area churches last week to inquire about their interest in holding an event on May 2. Dallen Morgan made a motion to work towards next steps for the City of Anna recognize the National Day of Prayer. Yoshanda Sims seconded the motion. Motion passed with Glenn Brown voting against.

e. Consider/Discuss/Act on approval of the of the minutes from the January 22, 2024 Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Commission Meeting.

Theresa King-Bell made a motion to approve the minutes. Elijah Nelms seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

5. Reports.

a. Discuss Anna Multicultural Night event.

Assistant Director of Neighborhood Services Jeff Freeth and Recreation Coordinator Tristen Pierce provided an update of the event that will be held on Tuesday, May 7 from 6-8 p.m. at Anna High School. Signup form with QR code to be a vendor will close in two weeks.

b. Recap Youth in Government Day.

Kimberly Winarski provided an update on the Youth in Government Day that was held on Friday, January 26th at the Anna Municipal Complex. 150 students from Slayter Creek Middle School also attended as part of their General Employability Skills class.

c. Update Youth Employment Program.

Kimberly Winarski shared the International City/County Managers Association has selected the City of Anna to provide a grant.

d. Update Project Unity Together We Dine Programs.

Taylor Lough shared an agreement is being reviewed by legal.

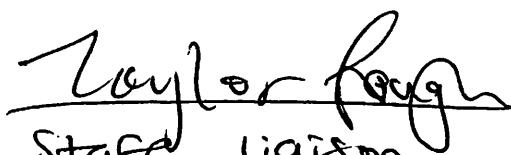
6. Items for Future Consideration.

a. Consider/Discuss/Act to advise the City Council to celebrate Kimberly Winarski for Anna Neighbor Academy/accessibility and equal opportunity/Neighbors of Diverse Backgrounds (Glenn Brown).

Glenn Brown made a motion to advise the City Council to acknowledge Kimberly Winarski for how she worked with Neighbor Academy. Yoshanda Sims seconded the motion.

7. Adjourn.

Theresa King-Bell adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.


Staff Liaison
Taylor Lough


Chairperson / Theresa King-Bell