THE CITY OF Anna

MINUTES

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

Anna City Hall located at 111 North Powell Parkway (Hwy 5)

Tuesday, August 3, 2021 @ 6:30 PM

The Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Commission of the City of Anna met at 6:30 PM, on August 3, 2021, 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.**
   All members were in attendance.

2. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.**
   Pete Cain led in the invocation.

3. **Neighbor's Input.**
   At this time, any person may address the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Commission regarding an item on this meeting agenda that is not scheduled for public hearing. Also, at this time any person may address the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Commission regarding an item that is not on this meeting agenda. Each person will be allowed up to 3 minutes to speak. No discussion or action may be taken at this meeting on items not listed on this agenda, other than to make statements of specific information in response to a citizen's inquiry or to recite existing policy in response to the inquiry.

4. **Reports.**
   a. Upcoming Engagement Opportunities: Neighbor Academy and Coffee with a Cop.

5. **Items For Individual Consideration.**
   a. Consider/Act/Discuss Leadership Elections.

      Chair Dyanne Lockridge and Kim Winarski talked about the process. It was reiterated that the process would be such that any contested position would be voted on first with a raise of hand, with the winner moving forward as the nominated candidate to be voted on.

      Current Chair Dyanne Lockridge gave a summary of the past year's tenure and items that were achieved. She thanked the Mayor and the Council, Kim Winarski, and Ryan Henderson.

   b. Consider/Act/Discuss Electing a Chair.

      Roxanne Aragon and Pete Cain were the two candidates put forth for election of chair. Roxanne Aragon spoke first and spoke of her credentials. Pete Cain spoke second and spoke of his credentials. They both answered the question of how they can serve the community through their leadership as the Chair. Gina Maria Ottavio made a motion to accept both applications. Rose Williams seconded. The vote was approved 11-0.

One round of voting took place to decide the individual that would be put forth before the board for Chair. Roxanne Aragon received 5 votes. Pete Cain received 4. Neither candidate put forth took place in the voting. Pete Cain then made a motion to accept Roxanne Aragon as the Chair. Dyanne Lockridge seconded. The vote was approved 11-0.

c. Consider/Act/Discuss Electing a Vice Chair.

Alfredo Fernandez and Alycia Green were the two candidates put forth for election of vice chair. Alfredo Fernandez spoke first and spoke of his credentials. Alycia Green spoke second of her credentials. They both answered the question of how they can serve the community through their leadership as the Vice Chair. Rose Williams made a motion to accept both applications. Pete Cain seconded. The vote was approved 11-0.

One round of voting took place to decide the individual that would be put forth before the board for Chair. Alfredo Fernandez received 3 votes. Alycia Green received 6 votes. Neither candidate put forth took place in the voting. Gina Maria Ottavio made a motion to accept Alycia Green as the Chair. Dyanne Lockridge seconded. The vote was approved 11-0.

d. Consider/Act/Discuss Electing a Secretary.

Blair Rackham was nominated as the Secretary of the Board. GMO made a motion and AG seconded. The vote was approved 10-0. Blair Rackham abstained from voting.

e. Consider/Act/Discuss Approving a Mission Statement.

Three mission statement ideas were put forth. The board discussed melding some concepts of all three ideas into one. Several ideas were put forth on how to bolster the statement. The board discussed in detail and came up with a statement.

Mission Statement = To promote unity and equality through education, awareness, and community involvement within the City of Anna.

Kimberly Jones made a motion to approve the mission statement and Maria Earvin seconded. The vote was approved 11-0.

f. Consider/Act/Discuss Approving a Vision Statement.

The board discussed key words that they wanted to see in the vision that projects the board forward into the future. The board talked about a robust vision statement that would be neighborly.

Vision Statement = To be the model of excellence in diversity leadership.

Pete Cain made a motion to approve the vision statement and Dyanne Lockridge seconded. The vote was approved 11-0.

g. Consider/Act/Discuss Subcommittees.

Past subcommittee chairs provided information on the role of each subcommittee and the work they did the prior year.

Members selected which subcommittee they wanted to serve. There was no vote.

h. Consider/Act/Discuss Board Member Expectations from Council.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lee Miller spoke and addressed the board expressing Council's expectation of the board. Councilman Ussery also spoke and addressed the board echoing similar sentiments about the expectations of the board.

i. Consider/Act/Discuss approving minutes from the July 15, 2021 Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Commission meeting.

Rose Williams made a motion to approve the minutes. Kimberly Jones seconded. The vote was approved 10-0.

6. **Adjourn.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Dyanne Lockridge
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D&I Commission Chair

Roxxanne Aragon
D&I Commission Secretary

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