

**MINUTES OF THE DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

ELK GROVE CITY HALL
8400 Laguna Palms Way
Elk Grove, CA 95758
Council Chambers

Tuesday, May 18, 2021.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

The Diversity and Inclusion Commission meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM

Members present: Dr. Bhavin Parikh; Jessica Carter; Rev. Dr. Raymond Hess;
Tina Lee-Vogt; Jinky Dolar

Staff:

Kristyn Laurence, Public Affairs Manager
Jodie Moreno, Community Events and Special Projects Coordinator
Hannah Gray, Elk Grove Police Department PIO

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

No Quorum

3. APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES:

No quorum

4. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

- No update

5. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

- City Liaison Report – confirming May 26 City Council Meeting will include the presentation of the Juneteenth Proclamation – Kristyn will send information to Jessica and Tina for logging into the meeting
- Carrie Whitlock in Strategic Planning and Innovation Office wanted to ask us to support implementation of recently adopted Community Mobility Resilience Plan – looking at ways to protect our environment, they have members from SMUD, local environmental non-profit, etc., looking for additional members – time commitment is two to four 90-minute meetings per year with a 2-year commitment. Looking to organize starting in June.

- PD Report – Annual Report is published and available on the web page with all information for 2020 for EGPD. This month's sticker is about community, available at the department and Rescate Café
- Big Truck Day tomorrow at Elk Grove Regional Park from 10-2

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/REPORTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Jinky attended Stop Asian Hate rally at the Capitol – over 30 different organizations – they spoke about unity against hate – very successful, live with ABC news
- Rev. Hess – Article in Sac Bee about militarization of police departments – Elk Grove was included in this – this is only brought out for pre-planned events (ex: search warrant or hostage situations) to allow for officers to get to a scene or injured officer or community member safely. EGPD got a new vehicle in 2014. Sometimes brought out for open houses because some kids like to see the large vehicles
- Rev. Hess – a new roster would be helpful with contact information for other commissioners
- Bhavin - Vaccines are now open for ages 12 and up
- Bhavin – many countries are experiencing a surge in Covid cases. India is currently experiencing a shortage of critical supplies during their ongoing surge – about \$25,000 were raised through Sacramento area to buy oxygen concentrators to send to India. There is another fundraiser to build oxygen plants in rural and urban areas – approximately \$30,000 raised and another \$30,000 needed – Bhavin will send flyer and details to Kristyn to share with Commission. All proceeds go directly to the cause

7. REGULAR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

7.1 SUBJECT: No Place for Hate Update

COMMISSION DISCUSSION/ACTION:

- No update

7.2 SUBJECT: Pride Month Proclamation and Activities Update

COMMISSION DISCUSSION/ACTION:

- Elk Grove Methodist Church is putting some activities together for Pride Month
- City Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion team is inviting D&I Commission to participate in events
 - They are planning to create shirts. Link will be sent tomorrow via email to reserve a free shirt. Ordering deadline is Tuesday, May 25.
 - A special pride pin is being developed and can be reserved through the same link
 - There will be a booth at the Neighborgood Market on June 17 at District 56

- A number of social media posts and messages will also be produced

7.3 SUBJECT: Schedule/Topics for 2021-22 Education Series

COMMISSION DISCUSSION/ACTION:

- Create subcommittees for each quarter – Subcommittee can decide how we'd like to set the series
- Potentially use August as kickoff event to announce education series
- First one could be Hispanic Heritage Month
- Possible panel discussions and other activities such as highlighting members of the community and their art/cooking/skills/businesses they can share
- Culture from downtown Sac, La Lotería

7.4 SUBJECT: Diversity Month Events and Activities Planning Session

COMMISSION DISCUSSION/ACTION:

- Jodie presented options and ideas for Diversity Month and using the NeighborGood Market to provide entertainment. We can have inter-faith, non-profits, etc. with booths at the market as well
- Email will be sent to Commission for volunteers to lead Diversity Month Events (Entertainment, Faith, Food, and Art)
- Raquel will start communicating with Jodie for Art

8. ADJOURNMENT:

No Quorum