

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

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

Tuesday, August 17, 2021.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

The Diversity and Inclusion Commission meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM

Members present: Dr. Bhavin Parikh; Jessica Carter; Dr. Ashok Shankar; Kristofer Tan; Tina Lee-Vogt; Mohinder Singh; Rev. Dr. Raymond Hess; Jinky Dolar; Gurjatinder Rhandawa

Staff:

Kristyn Laurence, Public Affairs Manager

Jason Jimenez, Elk Grove Police Department, Sergeant, PIO and Community Engagement Unit

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Agenda approved unanimously

3. APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES:

July Meeting Minutes approved unanimously

4. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

- N/A

5. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

- Jason Jimenez – introduced Nadiya who is the newest member to community engagement. Two officers were promoted to Sergeant.
- Census data – limited amount is available currently. Ethnicity data is preliminary still
- Four town halls are being planned regarding homelessness and housing

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/REPORTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- More detailed census data when received – October meeting
- Update from ARTners for Dia de los Muertos event

- Jinky – Elk Grove vaccination status question – currently Elk Grove is at 95757 78% vaccinated, 95758 and 95624 68%
- Reverend Hess – Adam Day – August 10 – day of celebrating the unity of all humanity and we are all descended from Adam and Eve
- Reverend Hess – Olympics just finished and had beautiful opening and closing ceremonies

7. REGULAR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

7.1 SUBJECT: Consider support for ARTners Dia de los Muertos event COMMISSION DISCUSSION/ACTION:

- Marcos – VP of ARTners non-profit – art collective making presence known in Elk Grove by hosting mural events representing various cultures. Event October 30 and 31st in Old Town Plaza for Dia de los Muertos – potentially build community altar so community can bring pictures of their loved ones to honor those who were before us
- Teresa – President of ARTners non-profit – there will be murals, food truck, music, Azteca Danza, education about Dia de los Muertos
 - Kristyn – This non-profit has received the Event Sponsorship Grant from the City which has already provided funding and in-kind donations
- Volunteers needed for assisting with things like cutting out flyers and open to donations
- Jessica **Motion** to provide letter of endorsement and support for ARTners for Dia de los Muertos event – seconded Bhavin Parikh
In Favor: All – motion carries

7.2 SUBJECT: Diversity Month Events and Activities Planning Session COMMISSION DISCUSSION/ACTION:

- Posts/updates are being pushed on social media weekly, please help promote
- Item on September agenda for recap of what worked well and what didn't
- Diversity dining week was August 6-15 through Explore Elk Grove to promote cultural restaurants in the community
- Lumpia making class sold out – a repeat class will be offered in Sacramento on the 27
- Art Show this Thursday at NeighborGood from 4-8. Kids art class is at 4:30 and still has about 5 openings. This opportunity is free.
- Last week of Diversity Month will be next Thursday at the NeighborGood market

7.3 SUBJECT: 2021-22 Education Series Update COMMISSION DISCUSSION/ACTION:

- Speaker outlines will be reviewed in the near future
- Speaking event has been outdoors due to the indoor mask mandate

- Kristyn has been working on the web page for the storytellers – we will have 5
- Salsa dancers will also teach public some steps

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Jessica motion to adjourn, seconded Jinky, approved through consensus at 7:27PM