

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

ELK GROVE CITY HALL
Conducted Virtually on Zoom

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

The Diversity and Inclusion Commission meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM. Jason Jimenez conducted the roll call.

Members present:

Delia Baulwin, Jessica Carter, Jinky Dolar, Mia Foster, Jace Huggins, Tina Lee-Vogt, Bhavin Parikh, Jesus Tarango Jr., Michael Thomas

ABSENT: Gurjatinder Randhawa

Staff:

Kristyn Laurence, City of Elk Grove Public Affairs Manager
Jason Jimenez, Sergeant, Elk Grove Police Department Media and Community Engagement Unit
Jason Lindgren, City Clerk

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Dolar; **second** by Baulwin **(Passed 9-0)**

3. APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Parikh; **second** by Lee-Vogt **(Passed 9-0)**

4. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Raquel Lujano shared her interest in returning to support the Commission as a volunteer on various projects following an absence due to illness.

5. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

Jimenez expressed appreciation from the Police Department to those members who attended the candlelight vigils and showed their support to the Department at the passing of Officer Ty Lenehan in January.

Jimenez shared the announcement of Chief Albright's retirement in March and the promotion of Assistant Chief Bobby Davis to the position of Chief of Police. He indicated that that Chief Davis would like to attend a future Commission meeting following his swearing in ceremony (date TBD).

Laurence – shared an update on the ordering of new business cards and shirts for Commission members. She also briefed the Commission on the possible return to live meetings soon and that the City Council would discuss this at their next meeting. Additional information would be shared by email pending the results of the Council's direction.

Laurence - shared the date and details for the upcoming State of the City address scheduled on Friday, March 25 at 11:30 a.m. at District56 and shared that the speech would also be livestreamed from the city's website for those who may not be able to attend.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/REPORTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Jace Huggins – requested the Commission agendaize a discussion on including a land acknowledgement as part of future meetings.

Delia Baulwin – requested that an item be added to a future agenda about coordination with EGUSD on equity, inclusion and anti-bullying issues. She indicated that she would like to include someone from the District in this discussion and would refer an appropriate contact to staff to extend an invitation to the meeting where this item will be discussed.

Jinky Dolar – shared that she is coordinating with Councilmember Nguyen to participate in “No One Eats Alone” an anti-bullying event planned in local schools. She would share more information about this with the group when it becomes available.

Jessica Carter – requested that an item be added to the agenda to discuss the planning for an event recognizing Juneteenth that would be held in June as part of the Cultural Connections series.

Michael Thomas – shared that he is also participating as a member of the Chamber's Economic Equity Task Force. He would like to bring items being considered by that group to the Commission for discussion in the future. He also expressed that he would like the Police Department to do more to spotlight diversity within their ranks to the public through social media or other platforms.

Bhavin Parikh – recognized and extended his best wishes to those celebrating Lunar New Year and observing Black History Month in February.

Jessica Carter – requested the Commission to observe a moment of silence at the end of the meeting in honor of Officer Ty Lenehan.
Motion by Carter, second by Foster. (Passed 9-0)

7. REGULAR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

7.1 SUBJECT: Brown Act Overview by the City Clerk

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

City Clerk Jason Lindgren presented the Commissioners with an overview of the Brown Act guidelines for conducting public meetings that emphasized the importance of conducting all Commission business openly and publicly.

7.2 SUBJECT: Selection of Officers for 2022

COMMISSION DISCUSSION/ACTION:

- 1) Commissioners expressed an interest in returning to a Chair/Vice Chair/ Recorder structure after folding the recorder duties into the role of the Vice Chair in 2020 and 2021.
Motion by Carter; **second** by Lee-Vogt **(Passed 9-0)**
- 2) Nomination of Jessica Carter to Commission Chair
Motion by Carter; **second** by Lee-Vogt **(Passed 9-0)**
- 3) Nomination of Tina Lee-Vogt to Commission Vice Chair
Motion by Huggins; **second** by Parikh **(Passed 9-0)**
- 4) Nomination of Delia Baulwin as Recorder
Motion by Baulwin; **second** by Parikh **(Passed 9-0)**

7.3 SUBJECT: Meeting Procedure

COMMISSION DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Commissioners expressed an intent to establish guidelines for accepting public comment and speaker presentations for future meetings.

- 1) Set a 3 minute time limit per speaker for public comment and an 8:30 p.m. meeting end time rule.
Motion by Huggins; **second** by Lee-Vogt **(Passed 8-0, Tarango absent)**
- 2) Set a 15-minute time limit for guest presentations with exceptions granted by the Commission on a case-by-case basis.
Motion by Parikh; **second** by Baulwin **(Passed 8-0, Tarango absent)**

7.4 SUBJECT: Redistricting Project Presentation by the City Clerk

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

City Clerk Jason Lindgren presented the Commissioners with an overview of the 2022 Redistricting Project that also introduced online resources the public can use to provide comments and suggested district lines. Lindgren encouraged Commissioners to share these resources with their networks to encourage public participation in the process.

7.5 SUBJECT: Subcommittees and Assignments

COMMISSION DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Commissioners asked staff to provide additional background information on previous subcommittee composition and their purpose and requested to continue this item to a future meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioners observed a moment of silence in the memory of Officer Ty Lenehan.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Motion by Dolar; **second** by Carter **(Passed 9-0)**