



CITY OF OAK PARK

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY &
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Ethnic Advisory Commission

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Meeting of the Oak Park Ethnic Advisory Commission 7 PM Thursday, February 11, 2016 Oak Park Community Center Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm and roll call was completed.

Present: Vice-Chairperson Carl Allwood, Juanita Bell, Christopher Davis, Reatha Richmond, Sudha Chandra Sekhar (late arrival), Avi Snider (late arrival), Lonnie Tabb-Upshaw, Carla Wallace,
Other Attendees:
Councilmember Solomon Radner, Ex-officio Member
Vicky Brooks, Staff Liaison

Absent: Leona Burns, Rosetta Kincade, Mattie Boylin
Ex-officio Members:
Mayor Marian McClellan
Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Burns
Councilmember Kiesha Speech
Councilmember Kenneth Rich

Communications:

Correspondence from Lana Sherman officially resigning was submitted by email.

Old Business:

- a. Election of Officers – It was noted that the office of chairperson is vacant and must be appointed by Mayor Marian McClellan.

Vice Chairperson Carl Allwood was reelected and Commissioner Carla Wallace was nominated and accepted the office of secretary after a unanimous vote.

- b. Ethnic Advisory Commission attendance and new member recruitment – New members are needed and the current members may submit names to the City Council for review and consideration. Commissioner Bell stated training is needed due to the lack of experience that the commissioners currently serving have. Commissioner Tabb-Upshaw feels instruction on conducting meetings in a professional manner and sharpening individual people skills are important aspects of training.
- c. World Dance Day – Commissioner Sekhar noted that efforts were made to secure an official proclamation regarding World Dance Day in Oak Park. Commissioner Tabb-Upshaw stated she is attempting to secure a representative from Channel 2 as the Master of Ceremony.

Commissioner Wallace presented a draft flyer advertising the event for review by the Commission.

- d. School Partnership – Student Diversity Sub-Committee – Commissioners Bell and Snider were appointed to pursue a relationship with the school districts associated with the City. The incentive for student participation will be community service credit.

New Business:

- a. T-shirts and Name Badges – Staff Liaison Brooks noted t-shirts of various sizes were available to the commissioners and would be brought to the next regularly scheduled meeting. Additionally name tags would be helpful and would be created and brought to each meeting going forward.
- b. The City is requesting each Board and or Commission review their annual monetary needs and submit them to the staff liaison so that the amounts can be considered in the annual City budget process.

Call to Commissioners:

It was suggested and agreed that for the next meeting each commissioner would bring ideas for future event scheduling.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.