



CITY OF OAK PARK

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY &
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Ethnic Advisory Commission

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Vicky Brooks, Human Resources Director

Meeting of the Oak Park Ethnic Advisory Commission 7 PM Thursday, March 10, 2016 Oak Park Community Center Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:08pm and roll call was completed.

PRESENT: Rosetta Kincade, Sudha Chandra Sekhar, Avi Snider, Lonnie Tabb-Upshaw,
Carla Wallace
Vicky Brooks, Staff Liaison

ABSENT: Vice-Chairperson Carl Allwood, Juanita Bell, Leona Burns, Mattie Boylin, Christopher
Davis, Reatha Richmond,
Ex-officio Members:
Mayor Marian McClellan, Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Burns,
Councilmember Kiesha Speech, Councilmember Solomon Radner,
Councilmember Kenneth Rich

COMMUNICATIONS:

None to report.

DISCUSSION:

World Dance Day – Commissioner Sekhar brought a flyer from last year for review. It was agreed that each act will perform for 6 minutes or less for the 2 hour program allowing for approximately 12 acts and the time is 6:30pm to 9:30pm for the program.

Commissioner Tabb-Upshaw reported that Berkley High School could be rented for \$220. There was discussion regarding visiting the proposed site and Commissioner Tabb-Upshaw would coordinate a date and time. Commissioners Snider, Commission Sekhar and Commissioner Wallace stated they could make themselves available for the site visit on 3/15 or 3/17.

Commissioner Tabb-Upshaw reported that she could not get anyone from Channel 2 to be the Mistress of Ceremonies and that Staff Liaison, Vicky Brooks agreed to stand in as the Mistress of Ceremonies.

School Partnership (Student Diversity Sub-committee) – Commissioner Snider reported that he and Commissioner Bell would like to get ideas from the group and put together some type of documentation for the students to receive community service credit if they participate. The Deputy City Clerk is checking to see if students can sit on the Commission. Commissioner Kincade questioned “Are there

any diversity programs already in place?” Commissioners Snider and Bell will contact the school districts on this matter.

T Shirts - Vicky Brooks brought T Shirts and allowed anyone that wanted one to take one.

Fundraising – It was mentioned that in the future an amount could be charged as a registration fee for groups to participate in World Dance Day.

Budget – The Commission was asked to discuss and establish 2016 Budget needs. Currently there is \$187.50 available for use.

CALL TO COMMISSIONERS:

Calendars were handed out and everyone was asked to bring an idea for a future event to the next meeting.

Good and Welfare - Commissioner Sekhar and Commissioner Snider apologized for being late to the meeting and Commissioner Kincaid apologized for not being active in the past.

Commissioner Sekhar shared information about 2 dance events that would be taking place this weekend.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.