

City of Rowlett
Diversity & Inclusion Commission Meeting
City Hall, 4000 Main Street, Rowlett, Texas 75088

Wednesday, February 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to order**
 - Meeting called to order at 6:34pm. The following members were present: Jerry Hickman, Michael Hernandez, Denise Younge, Diana Moore, Robert McCarrier, Jesse Roark, Brooke Donnelly, Samanda Miller. Mark McAvoy represented City Staff.
2. **Approve Prior Meeting Minutes**
 - **Motion to approve minutes from the January 16, 2018 meeting made by Hickman, second by Hernandez (passed unanimously)**
3. **Public Input**
 - No public input
4. **Discuss Participation in Local Events**
 - McAvoy suggested commission members attend at least one upcoming meeting for the Comprehensive Plan Update (P&Z and/or Council)
5. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Activities & Events Committee:** Younge reported on behalf of committee: ongoing activities:
 - Brainstormed ways to participate in activities and events—looking for ways to support other B/C during their events.
 - Consider tying in to upcoming candidate forums.
 - Younge suggested using diversity calendar and cultural communication guide.
 - Miller (tentatively) and Moore will attend St. Paddy's 5K on March.
 - b. **Marketing Committee:** No report:
 - Defer decision on shirt design until next meeting.
 - Robert to speak with Alena and City Secretary regarding commission's participation in B/C's reception.
 - Committee to discuss opportunities to leverage block parties for outreach.
6. **Review North Texas Commission's Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Summit**
 - Members who attended (McCarrier, Donnelly, Hickman, and Hernandez) shared their impressions and take aways from the summit. All agreed that future participation is warranted.
7. **Review Local Businesses accepting Cash / Accessibility**
 - McCarrier showed OPA's PSA discussing its decision to no longer accept cash. Further discussion occurred on whether the commission should take a position on the issue and

whether there is a need to consider some community discussion regarding unbanked or underbanked residents in Rowlett.

8. Diversity Contact Database Update

- Hernandez briefed commission members on database adds (2)

9. Public Announcements


- P&Z considering comp plan on Tuesday, 2/26

10. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- Continuation of cashless discussion (determine whether to make recommendation to Council)
- Update to lessons learned from One Fort Worth
- Unite Rowlett
- Commission's role in informing B/C member appointment process
- Summit debriefs
- Carboard boat regatta

11. Adjourn


- Commission chair adjourned the meeting at 8:32pm.



Robert McCarrier, Chair

3/20/19

Date Approved



Mark McAvoy, Staff Liaison