

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

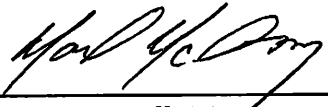
Wednesday, April 24, 2019 Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order
 - Meeting called to order at 6:38pm. The following members were present: Michael Hernandez, Denise Younge, Diana Moore, Alena Jefferson-Shelbia, Robert McCarrier, and Katie Babin. Mark McAvoy and Elise Bowers represented City Staff. Mayor Tammy Dana-Bashian represented City Council.
2. Approve Prior Meeting Minutes
 - No prior minutes were approved.
3. Public Input
 - No public input.
4. Discuss Participation in Local Events
 - Jefferson-Shelbia attended diversity training; Moore attended Boards & Commissions banquet.
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Activities & Events Committee: No committee report.
 - b. Marketing Committee: No committee report.
6. Unite Rowlett
 - Landon Hewey of uniterowlett.com, uniterowlett.org updated the Commission on the LoveMyCity initiative (June 9-14) that Unite Rowlett is organizing. Its goal is to accomplish more service through unity than is possible individually. Wants to build a volunteer-based service organization. Requested that Commission members can assist by suggesting potential service projects.
7. International Festival (Diversity Day)
 - Aaron Cleaver, from PARD, made a presentation on international fest (purpose, history, focus on family fun, plan for future).
 - McCarrier opened discussion regarding Commission's role in international fest. Younge, Jefferson-Shelbia, Moore, and Babin commented that a partnership was warranted for the 2019 event. **Motion to partner with PARD to plan and host 2019 international festival made by Hernandez, second by Jefferson-Shelbia (passed unanimously).**
 - Events committee tasked with facilitating event planning.
8. City Cash Policy Follow-up
 - Mayor updated Commission on the City's intent to formalize a cash acceptance policy that would require all City services to accept cash as a payment option.

9. Discuss Brainstorming Session Results
 - Jefferson-Shelbia led the discussion. Commission agreed to review and set specific goals with concrete deliverables at next meeting.
10. Discuss Board/Commission Application
 - McCarrier led discussion. Commission reviewed the application and recommended several changes for consideration.
11. Discuss 2020 Census Preparation
 - McAvoy led discussion and shared the 2020 Census overview. Commission members asked to review and formulate questions/ideas for a future discussion.
12. Discuss City Supplier/Procurement Process
 - Deferred to a future meeting.
13. Discuss Analysis of One Fort Worth
 - Hernandez led discussion and reviewed the Ft. Worth task force's goals and general points of emphasis:
 - Criminal justice - police oversight
 - Economic Development - general diversity training
 - Education - childhood intervention through childcare, college/career center
 - Government - independent redistricting initiative
 - Health - annual health forum
 - Housing - home buyer assistance
 - Transportation - street repairs, sidewalk, streetlights, crash incidences
14. Database Updates
 - Hernandez distributed updated database list
15. Public Announcements
 - Early voting ongoing—ends on 4/30
 - Dia de los Niños event at the Rowlett Library on 4/27
16. Agenda Items for Future Meetings
 - International Festival (Diversity Day)
 - City Supplier/Procurement Process
17. Adjourn
 - Meeting adjourned at 8:57pm



Robert McCarrier, Chair



Mark McAvoy, Staff Liaison

9/18/19

Date Approved