

**JOINT MEETING WITH CITY COUNCIL AND DUNCANVILLE COMMUNITY
MULTICULTURAL COMMISSION
RECREATION CENTER MEETING ROOMS 1 & 2 AT 201 JAMES COLLINS BLVD.
APRIL 14, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M.**

The City Council held a Joint Meeting with the Duncanville Community Multicultural Commission on Tuesday, April 14 at 6:18 p.m. with a quorum present, to wit:

Duncanville City Council

David Green	Mayor	
Cliff Boyd		Councilman - District 1 and Council Liaison
Steven Rutherford		Councilman - District 2 (Absent)
Stan Smith		Mayor Pro Tem - District 3
Ron Dotson		Councilman - District 4
Patrick Harvey		Councilman At-Large

Duncanville Community Multicultural Commission (DCMC) had a quorum with the following present, to wit:

Lorraine Hood-Jack, Chairperson	Elizabeth Gipson (Absent)
Mary Fae Kamm	Bonnie Giunta (Absent)
Patrick Le Blanc	Chloe A. Knowling (Absent)
Lia Polk	Linda Lydia (Absent)
David Ross	
Ray Uehara	
Janet Watson	

Staff Present: City Manager Kevin Hugman, City Secretary Mary Jones, Staff Liaison Veronica Williams and Recording Secretary Pam Willis.

Introductions were made between Council and Commission.

WORKSHOP:

ITEM 1: The City Council and the Duncanville Multicultural Commission shall deliberate and formulate a Work Plan for the Duncanville Multicultural Commission for FY2015 – 2016.

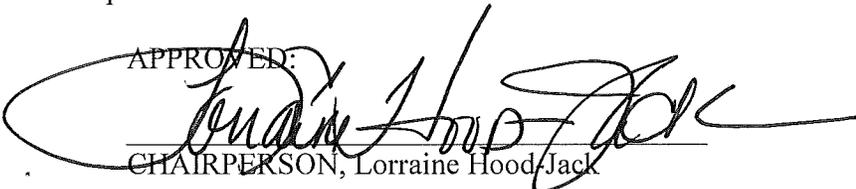
City Manager Kevin Hugman gave a presentation of the City Council's Organizational Work Plan for FY 2015-16 including their Mission Statement, Values, Four Pillars and 5-Bold Steps; and the Multicultural Commission's role as well as purpose in achieving the overall Work Plan. Discussion on the role for the Commission is to act as an advisory board to the City Council to promote citizen participation and engagement in the governmental process and activities; and to foster cooperative relationships among culturally diverse citizens in order to fulfill the needs and desires of Duncanville's culturally diverse community.

ITEM 2: The City Council and Duncanville Community Multicultural Commission shall develop a work plan for the Commission based on Agenda Item 1 and Council's objectives, pillars and community benefit adopted on the City Council Organizational Work Plan FY 2015-16.

The City Council and Duncanville Community Multicultural Commission discussed the racial and ethnic makeup of the community. It was pointed out that the community, Duncanville, was divided evenly with their African-American, Hispanic and Caucasian populations. With diversity as is the Commission would be helpful in overcoming the language and other barriers to ensure all citizens are informed and engaged. The Commission would also help in making Duncanville and "inclusive" community by creating new and expanding existing opportunities for citizens to participate in a variety of multicultural activities that recognize and honor diverse cultures and faiths; by also providing educational opportunities to welcome and familiarize new residents with the community. Aid in designing programs to give all citizens the occasion to learn more about our local government, gain awareness of local issues and become involved. The Commission will help with improving recognition of Black History Month, Irish-American Heritage Month, Asian-Pacific Heritage Month, Hispanic Heritage Month and significant Texas dates. The Commission responded by advising the Council of Unity Day planned for next year; use budgeted funds to develop sponsorships and become a branded commission. Suggestions were made to look at the past to see what worked then might work again as far as getting citizens engaged. The Council made known to the Commission that they would support them and help them in accomplishing their goals.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

APPROVED:


CHAIRPERSON, Lorraine Hood-Jack

ATTEST:


RECORDING SECRETARY, Pam Willis