

**DUNCANVILLE MULTICULTURAL SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP REGULAR MEETING
D.L. HOPKINS, JR. SENIOR CENTER, 206 JAMES COLLINS BLVD, DUNCANVILLE, TX
OCTOBER 19, 2017 @ 7 PM**

A meeting of the Duncanville Multicultural Social Engagement Commission was held on Thursday, October 19, 2017, at 7 pm with a quorum present:

Tammi Abney	Commissioner	Present
Patricia Becker	Commissioner	Present
Amy Mecum-Durant	Commissioner	Absent
Dr. Lavern Holyfield	Commissioner	Absent
Romell K. Jackson	Commissioner	Absent
Mary Fae Kamm	Commissioner	Present
Thomas Reyna	Commissioner	Present
Luis Salazar	Commissioner	Present
Zebulon Williams	Commissioner	Present

The meeting convened in the Parkview Room at the D.L. Hopkins, Jr. Senior Center and was called to order at 7:01 pm by staff liaison Cody Ann Bainter.

Citizen Public Forum

The public was not present.

Michael Grace joined the meeting during Committee Updates.

Introductions

Commissioners who were present went around the room and introduced themselves and gave a brief background history for those who were not in attendance of the September meeting. Commissioner Mary Fae Kamm gave a brief description of the International Museum of Cultures.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the last meeting, which was held on September 21, 2017, had no corrections or additions.

- Commissioner Tammi Abney made a motion to approve the minutes.
 - Commissioner Thomas Reyna seconded the motion.
 - Unanimous approval

Elect President and Vice-President

Staff liaison Cody Ann Bainter stated this meeting the commission needs to nominate individuals for a president and vice-president position.

- Commissioner Patricia Becker nominated Thomas Reyna for the position of president.
 - Commissioner Tammi Abney seconded the motion.
 - Unanimous approval
- Commissioner Patricia Becker nominated Zebulon Williams for the position of vice-president.
 - Commissioner Tammi Abney seconded the motion.
 - Unanimous approval

Discussion of Social Media Platforms

President Thomas Reyna said he was glad to see the City get a Twitter account and noticed the Twitter activity. He stated this was a step toward moving forward and progression.

Commissioner Luis Salazar asked if there was a specific hashtag. Staff liaison Cody Ann Bainter stated the City has been using #CityofDuncanville or #DuncanvilleWell for our wellness pieces.

Commissioner Zebulon Williams asked if we could quantify what the Social Engagement Partnership had done in terms of helping with the Facebook page and handing out information at the 2016 Christmas parade. Staff liaison Cody Ann Bainter said she would gather the Facebook analytics from the last year for the November meeting.

Discuss Future Meeting Dates, Times and Locations

Staff liaison Cody Ann Bainter mentioned the possibility of keeping the same meeting location each month for convenience for the public. She also mentioned the commission is required to only meet six times a year so if schedules do not permit to meet every month, it is better to cancel a meeting than not have a quorum.

Commissioner Zebulon Williams stated he liked the meetings rotating between City facilities.

Commissioner Tammi Abney posed the question about having meetings at public facilities. Staff liaison Cody Ann Bainter stated she would check and report back at the November meeting.

Commissioner Mary Fae Kamm mentioned moving around and having a meeting at the Museum of International Cultures.

President Thomas Reyna stated it would be great if more public joined the meetings, and they are always welcome.

The next Multicultural Social Engagement Partnership meeting is set for Thursday, November 16, 2017, at 7 pm and will be held at City Hall in the Briefing Room. Staff liaison Cody Bainter will reserve the Briefing Room and get information out to the commissioners. The December 21, 2017, meeting was cancelled due to the holiday season.

Committee Updates

Commissioner Patricia Becker said she had not met with Rashidah Madyun to date due to all the updates happening at the Senior Center and schedules.

Staff liaison Cody Ann Bainter talked about the Multicultural Social Engagement Partnership's mission from the resolution. Commissioner Tammi Abney stated she thinks it is important to have a multicultural focus, and stated she was appreciative of forums to recognize multicultural diversity. Commissioner Tammi Abney asked if staff liaison Cody Bainter could check the date in the resolution of the members term expiration date.

Staff liaison Cody Ann Bainter mentioned how the commission could be involved with the 2017 Christmas parade:

- Decorate a float just for the Multicultural Social Engagement Partnership
 - The commission does not have a budget to buy supplies. The City will supply the trailer and lights
- Help decorate the City Council float and utilize social media about the event
- Hand out information engaging citizens the night of the festivities

President Thomas Reyna said the Social Engagement Partnership was diligent and engaging citizens at the 2016 Christmas parade, and they were successful in handing out information. He also thanked Commissioner Patricia Becker for her work on adding information to the candies that were handed out. He felt it worked well and useful information was handed out to the citizens.

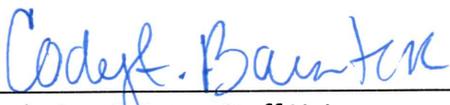
Staff liaison Cody Bainter mentioned the Juneteenth Celebration will be held in Duncanville in 2018 and stated it may be an opportunity for the commission to get involved. Commissioner Tammi Abney stated it would be a good opportunity to help with the Juneteenth Celebration.

- Commissioner Tammi Abney made a motion for staff liaison Cody Ann Bainter to gather more information about the event and bring back to the November meeting.
 - Commissioner Luis Salazar seconded the motion.
 - Unanimous approval

Commissioner Mary Fae Kamm stated not many commissions knew what Juneteenth was and why there was a celebration.

Commissioner Patricia Becker mentioned the commission does not have a budget so commissioners do not have any identifiers such as shirts.

Being no further business, President Thomas Reyna adjourned the meeting at 7:43 pm.



Cody Ann Bainter, Staff Liaison

