

**MULTICULTURAL SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP (MSEP)
REGULAR MEETING
VIRTUAL MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM
JULY 16, 2020 @ 7:00 P.M.**

A meeting of the Duncanville Neighborhood Vitality Commission was held on Wednesday, November 15, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum present to wit:

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| Zebulon Williams | Commissioner | Present |
| Dr. Lavern Holyfield | Commissioner | Present |
| Takiyah Poellnitz | Commissioner | Present |
| Tammi Abney | Commissioner | Present |
| Kaelon McLemore | Commissioner | Present |
| LaTrena Barrett | Commissioner | Present |
| Maria Gonzalez | Commissioner | Absent |
| Michael Dodwell | Commissioner | Absent |
| Kathy Miller-Jonbert | Commissioner | Absent |

The meeting convened via Zoom and was called to order at 7:04 PM by President, Zebulon Williams.

Item No. 1 – Receive Public Comments:

No comments were received.

Item No. 2 – Briefing and discussion of 2020 Census by the Complete Count Committee:

No representatives of the Complete Count Committee were in attendance.

Item No. 3 – Discuss and take appropriate action regarding December 19, 2019 Minutes:

Tammi Abney made a motion to adopt the minutes, Dr. Holyfield seconded, and the Minutes were adopted by all in attendance with a verbal vote.

Item No. 4 – Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the March Celebrating Culture calendar article: Irish American Heritage Month:

Article was published. No further discussion.

Item No. 5 – Discuss and take appropriate action regarding adding a Veterans holiday, and other possible holidays, to the Celebrating Culture calendar:

Veterans holiday was added to the Culture calendar for November.

Introductions:

The participants took a moment to introduce themselves to one another.

Item No. 6 – Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the Celebrating Culture public awareness campaign, calendar and ideas to engage the community more:

A discussion reviewing past efforts including articles written on the topics of Kwanzaa, Black History Month, and how COVID-19 caused disruption.

A decision was made to table the discussion until such time as all members had reviewed earlier materials*.

A Hispanic Heritage article will be written by LaTrena for September.

For Italian Heritage month an article was not assigned.

Item No. 7 – Discuss and take appropriate action regarding MSEP’s participation in 2020 City of Duncanville events:

The August Fire Truck Pull was discussed as a potential event to participate in and create engagement. A special meeting was planned for the week prior to the event. This was prior to the event being cancelled.

Item No. 8 – Discuss and take appropriate action regarding moving MSEP’s meeting time from 7:00 pm to 6:30 pm:

A discussion was held, Dr. Holyfield made a motion to adopt the time change, Takiyah seconded and all in attendance voted in favor.

Item No. 8 – Items for future agendas:

Discussion on MSEP attendance and engagement to create a plan to take to City Council so the group can meet quorum.

Moving meetings to Zoom or available alternative, if possible.

Additional items to be submitted to Alex Hamby before next meeting.

*Review Strategic Plan.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.



Alex Hamby, Public Information Officer



Zebulon Williams, President