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AD HOC COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION
Friday, August 10, 2018 @ 11:30 a.m.
Council Conference Room, 10th Floor, City Hall

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:32 a.m.

Committee Members

Council Member Carol Wood, Chair
Council Member Brian T. Jackson, Vice Chair-excused
Council Member Patricia Spitzley – excused.

Others Present

LaSondra Crenshaw, Council Staff
Lisa Hagen - Attorney's Office
Elaine Womboldt—Rejuvenating South Lansing
Dax Carpenter—Disability Network
Guillermo Lopez – LLEAD Greater Lansing
Tammy Lemmer - TCOA
Mark Brown – NAACP

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Minutes will be approved next meeting – No Quorum

Discussion

Continue conversation on MEI Score

Council Member Wood advised the group there were a few items we were not able to receive points for such as domestic partner benefits which is a negotiated benefit, but we did significant changes which boost our score to 95.

Council Member Wood explained to the Committee that we need to get some direction from the group regarding the Mayor's Executive Order that goes into place January 2019. We had discussed still meeting but informally. Not all the Committee members of the Ad Hoc on Diversity and Inclusion Committee were put on the Mayor's Commission. She asked the group what value do we have here, and do we want to continue meeting monthly, quarterly, etc.

Ms. Womboldt stated that we have a great Committee, we have many people interested in making things better. She has concerns about Mayor's Commission and would like us to continue meeting in an informal capacity. Those on the Mayor's Commission can bring us updates, and we could also advise them of our concerns.

Mr. Carpenter agreed that he wants to see our current Ad Hoc on Diversity and Inclusion continue rather it be monthly, or quarterly.

Mr. Lopez stated that Bishop Maxwell being Chair could be problematic in his opinion. He also feels we should continue meeting until we see how the Commission will handle things. Then we should re-evaluate and decide if we should continue to meet or not.

Council Member Wood stated that members of the Committee have learned to advocate for each other and she hopes that continues.

Mr. Brown described the new Commission would initially being on training wheels, then self-managing and advising the Mayor. The Commission will need to be told that the original dialogue started here with this Ad Hoc on Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

Mr. Lopez suggested that at the next meeting we look at what we need to follow up on. So we can forward this information onto the new Commission.

Council Member Wood agreed and asked the group to think about people and discussions we have had at this table, and what we need follow up on. And added that during the next meeting we will discuss budget priorities.

Discussion

Adding language to the Purchasing Ordinance

Ms. Hagen advised the group she did add language to the non-discrimination clause. However it is not fully vetted within their office, once it's approved she will then bring it back to us. There are also a couple things she needs to look into further.

OTHER

Updates on Participants in the Committee

August 12th Patriarche Park BBQ

August 20th Connect for Kids

New Pattengill grand opening Sept 4th – Time TBA

Saturday Sept 8, 2018 at Benjamin Davis Park – Lansing Harmony Celebration Noon-9pm

LEAD State conference Oct 12th at Lansing Center

TCOA Advisory Council age 60 and over have 2 vacancies they meet the 2nd Thursday of every month at 1:00 p.m.

Every Wednesday 5:30 – 6:30/7:00 Jail Tours - Ingham County sheriff office

Sparrow Volunteers- if over 55 go through VIP office

Friday and Saturdays 8:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. Midnight Basketball - Hill Center

Adjourn

Adjourn at 12:51 p.m.

Submitted by,

LaSondra Crenshaw, Administrative Assistant

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