City of Ontario

Diversity Advisory Committee

Minutes

December 18, 2024

Ontario City Hall Council Chambers 5:30 pm

The City of Ontario Diversity Advisory Committee is established to advise the Mayor, City Council, and City Manager on a range of issues as they relate to promoting diversity and equity issues in the community.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Mario Grimaldo at 5:31 pm.

Chair Mario Grimaldo X, Vice Chair Jackie Koehler x Secretary Adrianna Contreras X Billy Carter X
City Council Liaison: Eddie Melendrez x
City Manager: Dan Cummings X
HR Director/Asst. to City Manager: Corinna Hysell X

2. **Motion to Adopt the Agenda:** Carter moved to adopt the agenda as presented, Contreras seconded it. Roll call vote was taken, and motion passed with all 4 committee members voting "yes".

3. **Approval of minutes** of **November 20, 2024**: Koehler moved to adopt approval of minutes; Contreras seconded it. Roll call vote was taken, and motion passed with all 4 committee members voting "yes".

4. **Old Business:**

a. Discuss https://www.themicropedia.org/#/

Discussed in what direction we would like to see the Diversity Advisory committee go in. Koehler suggested having a round table discussion with community members.

b. Grimaldo discussed Diversity Champion nominees for April, both adult and student. Contreras suggested picking a student from Four Rivers Community Center. Grimaldo will reach out to principals from schools and ask for their top 4 students.

c. Koehler stated that November is Native American Heritage month and will post in the Diversity Advisory Committee Facebook page.

d. Councilman Kirby was a visitor at this meeting. Kirby stated that the Argus Observer does have an ad for open positions in different committees for Ontario.

5. **New Business:**

a. Carter asked if the guidelines could be shortened when choosing a Diversity Champion. Everyone agreed and will give Carted till Jan 21st to make suggestions on what should be used.

b. Grimaldo did not attend last council meeting but will attend next meeting, January 14th. Grimaldo asked if all members could attend.

c. Grimaldo will attend Chamber luncheon to get to know our local businesses.

d. Grimaldo asked what goals we had for next year. Kohler stated having a diversity calendar to post on Facebook. Grimaldo would like to highlight each member on social media.

e. Dan amended agenda to add item E, application for Daniel Liera for Diversity Advisory Committee. Cater moved and Contreras second. Roll call vote was taken and passed with all 4 committee members voting yes.

Accept Daniel Liera in committee for recommendation to City Council, Carter motioned and Koehler second. Roll call voted was taken and all 4 committee members voted yes.

6. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned, Grimaldo moved and Carter second and a roll call vote confirmed by all 4 committee members.

Mario Grimaldo, Chair

Jackie Koehler
vice-chair

Adrianna Contreras, Secretary_