

MINUTES OF THE DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

ELK GROVE CITY HALL
8400 Laguna Palms Way
Elk Grove, CA 95758
Council Chambers

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

The Diversity and Inclusion Commission meeting was called to order at 6:03pm

Members Present:

Tina Lee-Vogt- Chair
Jessica Carter- Vice Chair- *Absent*
Jenny Rodriguez, Recorder - *Absent*
Brent Burfield
Jinky Dolar
Carlese Laurent
Bhavin Parikh
Teresa Plammootil

Staff:

Sydney Robertson
Erin Montgomery
Kristyn Nelson

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve by Carlese Laurent
Second by Brent Burfield, All in favor

3. APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES:

Motion to approve by Teresa Plammootil
Second by Jinky Dolar, All in favor

4. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

No comments

5. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

- Sydney Roberston introduced Karlee Clark as the Youth Commission representative
- Global Feast Fest at District56 on Thursday, September 18, 2025, from 4pm to 8pm
- Latin Dance at Old Town Plaza and Hula Dance at District 56 on Friday, September 19, 2025
- Economic Development seeks feedback on Main Street persona with six different suggestions to shape zoning and planning.

- Internation Peace Festival on Sunday, October 5, 2025 at District56 on Sunday, October 6 from 2pm – 6pm. Mayor to provide keynote speech.
- Compassion Elk Grove Charter to meet the commission and provide a presentation.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/REPORTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Teresa
 - Requested training be provided for new commission members. May try to implement it in 2026.
 - Advised that EG Speaks would like to display art at city hall during Disability Awareness Month. It was recommended that the Civis and Community Engagement Committee could work with them on it.
- Bhavin
 - Thanked Carlese and Teresa for attending the OCA legislative session.
 - Invited everyone to attend the Diwali celebration on Monday, October 13, 2025, at District56
 - Shared information on World Health Mental Day at Cal North State on Friday, October 10, 2025, from 6pm – 8pm.
- Jinky
 - Shared information on an upcoming Filipino gala and will provide details to Sydney
 - Acknowledged Filipino History month

7. Regular agenda action items/recommendations

- 7.1 SUBJECT: Introduction of New Commissioners
 - Introduced newly appointed members Dr. Tristan Buzzini and Kevin Mantilla
- 7.2 SUBJECT: Annual Commission Update to City Council Review
 - Suggested items to share in the update included Diversity Month, Code of Ethics update, Sunday Fun Day, Elk Grove Out Loud, Proclamations, Pride Flag Raising, and HRC score.
- 7.3 SUBJECT: 2025 Proclamation Review
 - October
 - Review; Filipino Heritage Month
 - Review Indigenous Peoples Day
 - Review: Diwali
 - Monica Patel, Elk Grove resident, spoke and invited the commission to the Diwali – Festival of Light on Monday, October 13, 2025, at District 56.
 - Motion to approve by Brent Burfield
 - Second by Jinky Dolar, All in Favor
 - November

- Native American Heritage Month (Teresa and Carlese)
- Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month (Bhavin, Teresa, & Carlese)
- 7.4 Subcommittee Reports
 - 7.4.1 Cultural Connections: Elk Grove Out Loud
 - Event date – Monday, October 6, 2025, at District56
 - 7.3.2 Civic and Community Engagement
 - Teresa attending Disability Commission meetings
 - 7.3.3 Diversity Month:
 - Committee will report back next month

Adjourn at 7:12 by Jinky Dolar

Second by Teresa Plammootil, All in favor