

**City of Elk Grove
Diversity and Inclusion Commission
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

COMMISSIONERS- Roll Call

Present:

Tina Lee-Vogt, Chair
Jessica Carter, Vice Chair
Jenny Rodriguez, Recorder
Brent Burfield
Jinky Dolar
Carlese Laurent
Teresa Plammoottil
Dr. Tristan Buzzini
Kevin Mantilla
Karlee Clark

Absent:

Bhavin Parikh

**Tuesday, November 18, 2025
City Hall Council Chambers
8400 Laguna Palms Way
Elk Grove, CA 95758
6:00 P.M.**

The City of Elk Grove Diversity and Inclusion Commission welcomes, appreciates, and encourages participation in the Meetings. The Diversity and Inclusion Commission requests that you limit your presentation to three (3) minutes per person so that all present will have time to participate.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL -Called at 6:04pm

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MTA Approve, Jinky Dolar , 2nd, Brent Burfield , All in Favor

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MTA Approve, Brent Burfield , 2nd, Dr. Tristan Buzzini , All in Favor

4. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Members of the audience may comment on matters that are not included on the agenda. No action may be taken on a matter raised under “Public Comment” until the matter has been specifically included on an agenda as an action item. If a member of the public wants a response to a specific question, they are encouraged to contact any member of the Diversity and Inclusion Commission or City staff.

Public Comment: None

5. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Sydney Robertson-

- 100% Municipal Equality Index- Nationwide evaluation of 506 cities, inclusivity of LGBTQIA community
 - Commission-
 - Brent suggest to promote and celebrate now but do a reminder during PRIDE month
 - Dr. Tristan Buzzini suggested a section in newsletter or weekly email
 - Teresa suggested community input for future promotion
- Elk Grove City Cast- ElkGrove.gov/podcast
- Monday, November 24- Eric Dowdle puzzle unveiling- D56 6:30pm
- Saturday, December 6th Illumination Festival 3-8pm
- No commission meeting in December
- Compassion Elk Grove- Awards inquiry regarding assistance for their nomination

Erin Montgomery-

- Have fries with the good guys at Mc D's in 7527 Laguna Blvd- 4-6pm
- EGPD Youth Advisory Board-
 - Must be HS student- 9-12 grade, 2.0GPA, drug-free

Jodie-

- Event Sponsorship Grant will open in January (approx. 9-10)
- Community Service Grant (CSG)- will open in January (approx. 9-10)
- No events until spring

Kristyn-

- MLK breakfast- National Action Network Education Fund- January 17th
- MLK Walk- January 19th

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/REPORTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Tina- Running for Rhett- Raise \$ for children- December 6th
 - Seeking Volunteers- Hand out Metals
 - At William Land Park
 - Or run the race
- Jenny-

- ALPFA Posada/Toydrive- December 10th 6-9pm
 - SHCC Estrella Awards- December 9th- 6-8pm
- Tristan- Brought up community group (Indivisible & Activism Elk Grove) concerns regarding no stance on the ICE raids
 - Attendees would like to present at future meeting
 - Advised can attend and make public comment
 - Group suggested resolution
- Jinky-
 - Food drive- OCA/Stephanie Nguyen, Saturday, November 22nd at CRC
 - Prepare to Care for Elders, December 9th- Asian Community Center- 6-7pm
- Kevin-
 - Transgender Day of Remembrance on November 20
 - Candlelight Vigil- Trinity Church 2620 6:30pm November 22
- Karlee- Masonic Family- December 13th from 1-3pm- Picture with Santa & Canned Food Drive for EG Food Bank

7. REGULAR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS/RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 SUBJECT: Diversity Month Discussion

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ACTION:

- Jodie shared out stats regarding the month's events
- Diversity month event date- TBD
 - Ideas were discussed
 - Parade?
 - Cultural pop ups during event to gauge interest for next year?
- Recipe Cards were a hit
 - Suggestions- "About Us"
 - Tina will send over some ideas

7.2 SUBJECT: Subcommittee Updates & Reassignment-

- Tina- wanting to move from Cultural Connections to Diversity Month and step back from Civic and Community Engagement
- Jinky- staying on Multicultural Connections- step back from Civic & Comm Engagement
- Brent- Stay on Cultural Connections
- Jenny- Stay on Cultural Connections
- Jessica- Stay on Cultural Connections
- Carlese- Wants on Civic and Community Engagement
- Tristan- Wants on Civic and Community Engagement & Diversity Month
- Kevin- Wants on Civic and Community Engagement
- Teresa- Stay on community engagement and join Cultural Connections
- Bhavin- Absent

7.2.1 Cultural Connections – ~~Jenny, Jessica, Brent, Tina~~
New- Brent, Jenny, Jessica, Teresa

7.2.2 Civic and Community Engagement – Teresa, Carlese, ~~Jinky, Tina~~
New-Teresa, Carlese, Tristan, Kevin, Brent

7.2.3 Diversity Month – Jinky, Bhavin
New- Jinky, Bhavin, Tina, Tristan

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ACTION:

7.3 SUBJECT: Discussion about Community Outreach & Education
Teresa-

- Ongoing Education- understanding of social issues
- Suggestions:
 - Tristan- establishing a baseline, learning opportunity, hold space
 - Carlese- establishing a safe space to discuss/share
 - Jenny- agrees in having a space to understand or open up with questions regarding other cultures
 - Tina- establishing expectations on the role of being a commissioner
 - Sydney- confirmed working on a DEI contract- baseline education can be conducted, will inform us once it is confirmed
 - Jessica- clarified- pursue further training and internal commission information during open/safe sessions

8 ADJOURNMENT at 7:55pm

MTA Approve, Jessica Carter, 2nd, Jinky Dolar, All in Favor