

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

COMMISSIONERS- Roll Call

Present:

Tina Lee-Vogt, Chair
Jenny Rodriguez, Recorder
Carlese Laurent
Karlee Clark
Dr. Tristan Buzzini-
Angelina Hinojosa
Brent Burfield
Teresa Plammoottil
Jinky Dolar
Bhavin Parikh

Absent:

Jessica Carter, Vice Chair

**Tuesday, April 21, 2026
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 6:06 pm

2. Approval of Agenda

MTA- Jinky D. 2nd Jenny R, All in Favor

3. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

MTA with corrections- Tristan B. 2nd Bhavin P., All in Favor- Jinky D.

4. Public Comment for Items not non the agenda

None.

5. General Admin Updates

- Erin- Sydney sent following updates:
- Karlee awarded for volunteer of the year
- 5/1 kicks off 3-week concert series at Old Town Elk Grove, more info found online
- 5/14 City looking to host two additional immigration events (online)

6. Commissioner Comments/Reports/Future Agenda Items

- Jenny- Capital Region Small Business Week May 4th- May 9th
- Bhavin- Apologies for being absent, taking care of family health crisis, we thanked him for his service and advised here for him and his family
- Jinky-
 - 5/15 AAPI Night Market
 - 5/14- My Sisters house Tea
 - 5/17- Culture Fest at District 56 in Elk Grove
 - 5/21- OCA Gala
- Angelina- 5/6- MMIP Candlelight vigil west steps- Top of capital red
- Tina- 4/26 Running for Rhett run at William Land Park
- Teresa- 4/25 from 11am- 4pm at Burbank- Artism Event
- Karlee- Family Fun Day

7. Regular Agenda Action Items/Recommendations

7.1 SUBJECT: Explore Elk Grove Website Presentation

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ACTION:

- Casey- Marketing Director- Holds contract with city around since 2015- Mission to tell story of Elk Grove to visitors to create economic impact.
- Olivia- ExploreElkGrove.com- website for visitors to learn more about our city, things to do, hotel info, places to eat, outdoor activities, D&I events, to make inclusive to everyone.
- Currently working on translating page to Spanish, hired bilingual individual to translate the page, they are from Sacramento (not Elk Grove).
- Website is free for business info; they also get info from other external services.
- Explore Elk Grove- interested in translation services

7.2 SUBJECT: Discuss Neurodivergent Community Outreach Tool

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ACTION:

- Jenny shared- GULP was finalist and winner of Sacramento Kings Capitalize event, their product is to help Neurodivergent community specifically children that are non-verbal
- Commission would like to hear more and give GULP 15min to present.
- Can connect them to other community members that could be interested to use their product

7.3 SUBJECT: 2026 Proclamation Planning

7.3.1 Asian American & South Pacific Islander Heritage Month – Review
Motion- Bhavin P. 2nd- Jinky D. - All in Favor

7.3.2 Hmong American Day – Review
Motion- Jinky D. 2nd- Carlese L. - All in Favor

7.3.3 Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples Day – Review
Motion- Teresa P. 2nd-Tristan B. - All in Favor

7.3.4 Pride Month – Assign- Brent B. & Carlese L.
COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ACTION:

- Commission recommend Flag Raising or Elk Grove Pride event to be appropriate day to present proclamation

7.3.5 Juneteenth – Assign- Teresa P. & Bhavin P.
COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ACTION:

- Commission recommend Sharie Wilson Juneteenth Event to be appropriate to present proclamation

7.4 SUBJECT: Review Immigration Resources for Future Tabling Activities
COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ACTION:

- Commission requesting to have FUEL Network come out and break down list of resources for any question.

7.5 SUBJECT: Discuss Website Reading Lists
COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ACTION:

- Held for following meeting

7.6 SUBJECT: Subcommittee Updates & Discussion

7.6.1 Cultural Connections – Jenny, Jessica, Brent, Teresa

- 80% of big picture is complete
- Speakers confirmed for Mental Health Services- Discussion from a cultural lens
- Food- Confirmed
- Oct 7th taking place at 6pm (doors open)- begins at 6:30pm at District 56
- Open for options to discuss approach for the event-
 - Opening blessing suggested to be hosted by the indigenous community- Angelina to connect with us to provide contact of who could do the blessing to open up the event.

7.6.2 Civic and Community Engagement – Teresa, Carlese, Tristan, Brent

- Disability Advisory Committee- Interested in connecting/engaging with commission (Chair and Vice-Chair to connect on engaging)
- Chinwe Asidanya- interested in working with commission on future collaboration opportunities

7.6.3 Diversity Month – Jinky, Bhavin, Tina, Tristan

- September-
- Coffee, Tea, Community, & Culture- suggested “Coffee, Culture and Communi-Tea”
- Dance Around the World-

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ACTION:

7 ADJOURNMENT

Motion-Brent B. 2nd Jinky D. - All in Favor