



MINUTES
AD HOC COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY
Friday, March 24 2017 @ 11:30 a.m.
Council Conference Room, 10th Floor, City Hall

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:31 a.m.

Committee Members

Councilmember Carol Wood, Chair
Councilmember Patricia Spitzley-excused
Councilmember Jody Washington- excused

No quorum of the Committee.

Others Present

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
LaSondra Crenshaw, Council Staff
Stacey Locke, Peckham
Sandy Wolfe, Peckham
Tammy Lemmer, TCOA
Jim Bale
Mary Ann Prince
Heather Sumner, City Attorney Office
Mark Dotson, Deputy City Attorney

MINUTE

Councilmember Wood moved the minutes to the next meeting.

Discussion

Update – Inquiry into HR Department on Employee Diverse Hiring Statistics

Ms. Sumner had no additional information, but did confirm she had requested it from HR.

Snow Seargeants Program

Ms. Sumner had no information. Ms. Lemmer stated TCOA had signed the latest MOU and sent to Law on March 10, 2017. Ms. Sumner stated she had an email from Ms. Bennett in Finance stating that the donations were in a liability account and being held for TCOA. Councilmember Wood asked Ms. Sumner to locate the MOU and complete the process for sign offs and processing. Ms. Sumner stated she could not do that because it was not a law

function, Law only approves it for form. Councilmember Wood asked that it be provided to the Council Staff for delivery and signatures.

City TV Programming Series

Ms. Locke confirmed the self advocate from Peckham will be doing two programs, one at the facility and one at City TV. Councilmember Wood stated she would research photos from St. Vincent's Refugee Center to incorporate into a log and tag line. Then she will set up a studio program with an introductory on the Committee and human rights ordinance. Councilmember Wood then suggested the first round table should include Mr. Bale, Ms. Lemmer, Ms. Locke, Ms. Womboldt, and Ms. Harris. Ms. Lemmer stated she is working on a program for TCOA and is looking at a site show for the first week of April. Councilmember Wood offered to propose a show in June with St. Vincent's and in July with Todd Heywood. Mr. Dotson arrived at the meeting and Council Member Wood asked him to also sit in on the first round table and he accepted.

Cesar Chavez Memorial Event

Councilmember Wood went over the program and would reach out to Mr. Lopez for the final version. She then informed the group if they were interested in volunteering for the event to contact Council Staff. Council Staff was also directed to getting parking vouchers for the North Grand Ramp.

DISCUSSION Procurement Ordinance

Councilmember Wood informed the group that Ms. Robinson, who handles all the purchasing for the City was asked to attend, but was unable so was rescheduled for April 28th.

The group then was referred to the document copies of the City Ordinances, Chapter 206 regarding purchasing, contracts and sales. The Committee was asked to compile their questions for the discussion on April 28th. The goal should be to see how the City is purchasing, and how it is reaching out to the diverse population.

The group can look at the process just experience with snow sergeant MOU, and wondered what time lines are, and are there pre-register lists. What to look at how spending tax dollars and how it impacts the community. Ms. Lemmer asked if a survey was ever done on the process and needs. Councilmember Wood noted there was not to her knowledge, but would be good to consider. It was noted that the Council Internal Auditor could research and provide a survey to vendors. A suggestion was made to bring in small business for one of the CityTV programs. Ms. Sumner suggested having Ms. Robinson provide a list of services that are put out to bid, currently what is out to bid, and what they might be contracting for.

2005 Diversity Spending Report

Councilmember Wood referred to the report and asked Ms. Sumner to research if the City can legally collect the information which would outline the dollars spent with different organizations.

Other

Councilmember Wood informed the group that the City budget will be presented March 27, 2017. The HRCS funds go to certain organizations, and Council will continue to look at where those funds are spent and combine with additional dollars.

Updates on Participants in the Committee

Ms. Lemmer informed the group that there are no CDBG funds used for the food program, they get their funds from HHS funding, and therefore their current funding is not a concern.

Ms. Locke asked, regarding the earlier discussion on diverse spending, if the vendors are asked as part of their application if they are residents of the City. Councilmember Wood gave her opinion that the application speaks to if it could be considered as part of the decision.

Councilmember Wood reminded the group of the upcoming Cesar Chavez event at City Hall on Friday, March 31, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. There will also be a program at the UAW hall on Clare Street the same date, at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmember Wood addressed the topic of a welcoming city and the potential resolution from Council, informing the group that there will be a Special Council Meeting on April 3rd at 6:00 p.m. just for that topic.

Mr. Bale distributed an article from the Lansing State Journal date March 23, 2017 titled "Pontiac asked to show support for immigrants as Latinos fear crackdown"

Ms. Locke acknowledged that Peckham used to help their residents and members with citizenship, but can no longer do that since they are using federal resources. They have hired someone to speak on the topic.

Adjourn

Adjourn at 12:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager

Approved April 28, 2017