



## **COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT ON CITY COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**

- Gwen arrived after her work session. Donna read an email from Gwen with information about the Open Meeting law sessions. Gwen also has questions about the IGA with the post and for Janet about her email to the Amerind Foundation. She is hopeful that the commission will be able to work with the various commissions as well as Sharon and the post on various projects.

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- AJ spoke about the open meeting law sessions and stressed how important it is for each member to attend either for the first time or as a refresher.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **1. Heritage Fair Update**

- AJ just had a quick question about the date and location. Gail clarified that it was scheduled to be April 9<sup>th</sup> at Buena High School.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. Asian/Pacific Islander Event**

- Sharon had handouts about the event and she offered to help the city put on an event in conjunction with one of theirs. Yearly they put on 8 different events; she handed out a flyer with a list of all their events. AJ told her that his wife Tanya, who is with the college, is interested in doing something with the post. Sharon stated that she makes arrangements for her events months in advance and is trying to include the city to create or assist in a partnered event. Sharon shared her preview flyer for the Women's Equality Day event. She feels that a dual event will bring more awareness to any of the 8 dates. All past events are held during the lunchtime which is working time for more others, so if the commission was able to support an evening version of the same program. Their guidance has been a time limit of 45 mins to one hour, but they have expanded that time to include a food sampling. She continued with the details of the programming. There was a discussion about how to partner and what role the commission could take. Chrysti offered to work with Sharon's office.

#### **2. Discussion of Partnership with other commissions**

- Shaundra stated that she would like to attend the West End Commission meetings. Gail said that she would like to attend a CODI meeting. Frances stated that she would like to attend the Library and Tourism commission meetings. Chrysti has an interest in the Museum committee and Janet offered to attend the Arts and Humanities commission meetings. The members will report back next month. Rosi, the vice chair of the West End commission stated that their commission felt there was an isolation between commissions and was tired of that atmosphere and feels that cooperation between commissions is key. She was encouraged by other commission's willingness to attend meetings other than their own.

#### **3. Diversity Subcommittee Report**

- The committee met on May 5<sup>th</sup> at which time they reviewed their purpose and mission statement. They feel that it is in the commission's best interest to be of one mind-one team. The subcommittee is being very careful to not have more

than 3 members at any meeting but are inviting others to attend to have a voice that will then be brought to a commission meeting for discussion and if needed a vote. Chrysti questioned how to vision their mission. She would like it to be purposeful and clear cut. The subcommittee will meet again in July, before our next commission meeting.

**4. CODI Commission Liasion**

- Kristopher Rangel spoke to the commission about their event in October, their newest member, Tom Reardon and their partnership with NAMI. He spoke about their interest in partnering with other commissions and invited a member to attend their meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 3:30pm. Gwen added that all commissioners should attend the council meet and greets.

**5. Change of meeting day and/or time request**

- Donna explained that due to the work sessions for the city council a request has been made for Tuesday commissions to change their meeting day. She stated that currently the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday or Wednesday of the month would be the best options to consider. There was a brief discussion about which day works better for everyone involved. Shaundra made a motion to change the meeting to the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 5:00 pm beginning with our July meeting. Gail 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous.

**6. Elections of 2015-16 Chair and Vice Chair**

- A nomination of Shaundra for vice chair was made and seconded. She accepted the nomination. Vote was unanimous. A nomination of Gail Houston for chair was made and seconded. She accepted the nomination. Vote was unanimous.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

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- AJ congratulated the new chair and vice chair. He also wanted to tell them members about the Juneteeth celebration this past weekend. The event was a success with about 90 people in attendance.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30p.m.

  
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Gail Houston  
Chairperson, Commission on Cultural Diversity