

City of Kennewick
Diversity Commission
April 12, 2017
Meeting Minutes

1. ATTENDANCE:

Zelma Jackson Maine called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Commission and Staff Present: Ed Frost, Uby Creek, Brenda Still, Nichole Banegas, Zelma Jackson-Maine, Clarence Hill III, Evelyn Lusignan and Jackie Aman

2. ACTION ITEMS

- A motion was made by Uby Creek and seconded by Zelma to approve the 3/22/17 minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- Uby Creek brought in several photos, clothing and items from her life and shared her heritage with us. She is from a big Texas family. Her Grandparents emigrated here from Mexico in the early 1950's.
- The schedule for the rest of the Commission to share their culture will be Brenda still, and then Ed Frost.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Ed Frost asked about having the survey going to just people be from city of Kennewick. Evelyn said she would add the question to the beginning if they were from Kennewick. If not, it will kick them off the survey. Evelyn will also change "middle school" to "elementary school" on the location for people taking the survey.
- The list of gateway organizations was presented with each members asked to add or subtract from this list. Evelyn asked if each commissioner would identify organizations and who is going to contact them. They are asked to contact them to raise awareness of the link to the survey would be distributed soon.
 - Nichole – Soroptimists, Home Builders Association, WSU, CBC and Heritage
 - Zelma - Governors Commission, Tu Decides, La Voice and SARC. She was also willing to contact any of the organizations that were not covered by another commissioner
 - Brenda – Buddhist Temple on 27th, Kennewick School District and Boys and Girls Club
 - Uby – Pentecostal church, Head Start program, ECAP – state funded preschool St Joseph's church, Work Source – Veterans Rep, Ben Franklin Health Department, Safe Kids Coalition and World Relief Organization.

- Ed – He will email LGBT people - Mark Lee, ARC of Tri-Cities, Islamic Center and Columbia Industries.
 - Clarence –Harley Davison to get information on motorcycle groups.
 - Evelyn will contact the Kennewick Senior Center
 - Love not Hate Group?
- Commissioners were asked to email their list of contacts to Jackie by 4/19/17.
- Question 4 – Governors Commission
- Zelma stated we will be rolling out a media blitz. Evelyn said we will have a press conference to launch the survey. This will be done the morning of May 5th and Zelma asked to have all commissioners attend. This was suggested to be held at City Hall.
- Zelma will be gone May 9th through 31st.
- Next meeting is April 26th – Nichole will be absent.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 by Chairperson Zelma Jackson-Maine.

Jackie Aman
Executive Assistant