

Members Present:

Andy Ansola
Michael Everett
Roland A. Foulkes
Linda Houston-Jones
Paul Hyman
Shevrin Jones
Jaemi Levine (Chair)
Abraham Rashid
Inez Romaguera
Leilani Smith-Tellez (Secretary)
Sam Subramani

Members Absent:

Alice Levy
Tom Runyan

Staff: Al DiCalvo, Assistant County Attorney; Dalton Barrett, County Liaison, Helene Udell, Staff Liaison

The Broward County Diversity Advisory Council meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM by Chair, Jaemi Levine. The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance and observed a moment of silence.

Council Action Approval of Minutes

Leilani Smith-Tellez moved to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2009 meeting. The motion was seconded by Michael Everett and was passed unanimously by the membership.

Chair Report: The Chair, Jaemi Levine, yielded her time to Leilani Smith-Tellez who reported on her meeting with Marina Santamarina of Florida Atlantic University. The meeting covered ideas for the Council's signature event, an inter-faith summit in collaboration with FAU to be held in March 2010. A suggested topic is spiritual approaches to coping. The site is at issue. FAU has a facility large enough for the event but it is in Palm Beach County at the business college's auditorium in Boca Raton.

Presentation: Linda Flynn a consultant working with the Cultural Planning Group gave a presentation regarding 2020 Broward, the County's cultural plan for the future. The Arts and Cultural Plan has three components: Creative Economy; Cultural Tourism; and Public Art and Design. The project phases are: initiation; contracting; community outreach and research; and the completion of a draft plan in January 2010. The issues and emerging themes are: public funding; diversity; leadership development; audience development; stability of arts organizations; and collaboration. Mr. Subramani moved that each member of the Council reach

out into his or her community reporting back to Ms. Flynn. The motion was seconded by Roland Foulkes and was passed unanimously by the membership.

Old Business:

Recognition of Jawhar Sadallah Badran. Mr. Foulkes was provided with a certificate of recognition which he will take to Commissioner Jacobs for her signature.

January Diversity Month Letters: After reviewing last year's letters, Mr. Everett moved that the letters be modified to acknowledge and thank those cities that participated last year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rashid and was carried unanimously by the members. Mr. Foulkes announced that the School Board has already voted to issue a Resolution for Diversity Month and that it will likely be issued in early December.

Nominating Committee: Mr. Subramani moved to establish a nominating committee and hold elections at the November 19, 2009 meeting. Mr. Everett seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously by the members. Mr. Subramani, Mr. Jones and Mr. Rashid volunteered to serve on the committee which will meet at 5:30PM on November 19, 2009.

New Business: After reviewing the By-Laws, and in light of recent changes in the governing Ordinance, it was determined that the By-Laws should be revised. Mr. Foulkes and Mr. Everett volunteered to serve on the committee and Mr. Runyan was nominated in his absence. The committee will meet on Tuesday, October 6, 2009 at 11:00AM at Dalton Barrett's office in the Governmental Center Annex, Room A370.

Caribbean Carnival has merged with the Miami-Dade organizers to form Miami Broward One Carnival which will take place on October 11, 2009 at Bicentennial Park in Miami. The children's event will take place at Miramar Regional Park on October 4, 2009. Mr. Foulkes moved that the Council seek a proclamation from the Board of County Commissioners recognizing the event. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rashid and carried unanimously by the membership.

**New Direction/Round-a-Bout (Critical/Urgent Broward Community Issues)/
Announcements and Public Comment)**

Mr. Foulkes provided copies of the booklet "Broward County-A Place for Everyone" which is a multi-cultural resource. He also spoke about some of his recent speaking engagements. Mr. Smith-Tellez advised that the City of Coral Springs will host One Plant United's Peace weekend.

The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Foulkes offered the motion which was seconded by Ms. Smith-Tellez and was carried unanimously by the membership. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Leilani Smith-Tellez, Secretary

Date