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AFRICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION - MINUTES

Thursday March 9, 2023 | 411 W 1s St, Room 155, City Hall | 6:00 PM

Commissioners Present: Archie Davis, Vanni Hayden, Melissa Grimes, Janine Schroer

Absent: Bernice Pepper

Potential Members: Ayanna Maitland

Start Time: 6:05pm

1. Call to Order

Manager Adam Fulton called the meeting to order at 6:05pm

2. Public Comment

No public comment

3. Approval of January 25th Minutes

MOTION/Second: Schroer/ Grimes_Vote (4-0)

4. Meeting Topics

a) Meeting Date Calendar- Staff member Webb explained that the new meeting times for the commission were in each commissioners meeting packet, and if anything comes up during the year where there needs to be a date change to let staff know.

b) Meetings off Site-Staff member Nygren informed the commission of another location to meet off site which would be the library. Commissioner Hayden stated that on Thursday's the library does not close until 8pm and it is easily accessible by bus. There will be continued discussion on locations.

c) Northland BIPOC Business Directory- Manager Adam Fulton pulled up the Northland BIPOC Business Directory to show the commission how the site was designed and how to work through it.

5. Next Meeting Topic

Dot prioritization exercise- Manager Fulton explained the dot exercise and what the main outcome of the exercise is. The commission took a few minutes to write their concerns on sticky notes and then group them in categories. The commission grouped topics into the following categories: Equities in faculties, engagement, policing, leadership, physical resources, housing, employment/entrepreneurship, education/youth, basic data on the African Heritage community. The commission agreed that they should start where there's concise steps first, and engagement is important for the next meeting. Commissioner Davis stated that with the policing



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section, he will come back to the commission with updates. The commission would like to invite Juneteenth organizers to speak to the commission.

6. **Individual Commissioner Updates**

No new updates

7. **Adjourn**

Adjourned at 7:30p

Next Meeting April 13th, 2023