

HERITAGE AND DIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Annual Report

Key Actions

The 2022-2023 year was one in which the Heritage and Diversity Committee focused on understanding and clarifying the advisory nature of their role. To better understand the intricacies of process, they welcomed Commission members and City officials to attend their meetings, learned about the range and responsibilities of the Recreational and Cultural Arts Department, and became aware of how other committees at work in the City of Pembroke Pines functioned. Highlights from the year include:

September 20, 2022

Holly Bonkowski, Assistant Director of Cultural Arts, provided a comprehensive review of the art and cultural activities planned for the City of Pembroke Pines, as well as defining the role of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Board

January 17, 2023

Discussions began regarding the development of a Welcome Guide for new residents to the City of Pembroke Pines. After reviewing Welcome Guides from other cities, the discussion continued in February, and although no formal motion was made, there was overall consensus that such a Guide should be prepared and distributed to our new residents. The recommendation would be forwarded to the City Commission.

March 21, 2023

Christina Sorensen, Assistant City Manager/Director of Recreational and Cultural Arts provided information regarding events and projects related to Heritage and Diversity that were planned for the City of Pembroke Pines. Ms. Sorensen explained the complexities and financial obligations related to planning such events. She noted that budgeting for events and projects is formulated in one fiscal year for the next, and that planning for events begins months in advance.

Board Motions

May 17, 2022

The Board unanimously passed a motion to reaffirm Member Burns' position as Vice Chair.

The Board unanimously passed a motion to approve the annual report.

