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

March 21, 2023

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.

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.

October 18, 2022 The board unanimously passed a motion to re-elect Chair Hicks-Lee as Chairperson.

The board unanimously passed a motion to elect Member Prospect as Vice Chair.

April 18, 2023

The board unanimously passed a motion to *approach* the Commission for a budget of \$150,000 for future multi-cultural events/festivals.

ATTENDANCE

MEMBER NAME:	AUG 22'	SEPT 22'	OCT 22'	NOV 22'	DEC 22'	JAN 23'	FEB 23'	MARCH 2	APRIL 23'	MAY 23'	JUNE 23'	JULY 23'	
Hicks-Lee	NM	P	P	P	NM	P	E	Р	Р	Р		NM	
Azad	NM	Р	P	P	NM	E	Р	Р	Е	Р		NM	
Comfort	NM	UE	UE	UE									
Brewster	NM	Р	P	UE	NM	UE	UE	E	UE	UE		NM	
Potter	NM	P	P	Р	NM	P	E	Р	Р	Е		NM	
Landrian	NM	UE	P	UE	NM	P	Р	Р	Р	Р		NM	
Mathew	NM	UE	UE	UE	NM	UE	UE	E	UE	UE		NM	
Surin	NM	UE	P	P	NM	UE	UE	UE	UE	Р		NM	
Tewari	NM	Р	P	UE	NM	UE	Р	P	Р	Р		NM	
Acuna	NM	Р	P	Р	NM	E	UE	P	Р	Р		NM	
Prospect	NM	Р	P	P	NM	P	Р	Р	Р	Р		NM	
Sicard	NM	E	UE	UE	NM	UE	UE	UE	UE	UE		NM	
Edwards	NM	Р	E	UE	NM	Р	UE	UE	UE	E		NM	
Burns	NM	E	P	E	NM	E	Р	P	P	Р		NM	
Burgess	NM	UE	P	P	NM	P	Р	Р	UE	Р		NM	
Jacobs-Reed	NM	UE	UE	UE	NM	UE	UE	UE	P	Р		NM	
Industrious		Р	P	P	NM	P	Р	Р	Р	Р		NM	
P - PRESENT													
UE - UNEXCUSED													
E - EXCUSED													
NOT YET APPOINTED	/RESIGNED												
NM - NO MEETING													