



Leesburg Diversity Commission Regular Meeting

Wednesday, August 10, 2022 • 7:00 p.m.
Lower Level Conference Room 1
Leesburg Town Hall • 25 West Market Street

Meeting Agenda

- Call to Order
- Approval of Electronic Participation (if necessary)
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - Minutes of June 8, 2022 Meeting
- Petitioners
- Commissioner Comments
- Council Member Comments
- Liaison Reports
 - Economic Development Commission
 - Commission on Public Art
- Staff Reports
 - Public Information Office
 - Police Department
- Chair Comments
- Upcoming Events
 - Police Department Latino Festival – August 27, 2022
- Old Business
 - Juneteenth BURG Family Reunion (debrief)
 - Employment Fair (debrief)
 - National Night Out (debrief)
 - “What is Racism?” Video
 - Social Media Inquiries to Town Attorney
- New Business
 - Loudoun Museum mural / Advising on future public art projects
 - Title VI input
- Adjournment

**Leesburg Diversity Commission
June 8, 2022
Regular Meeting Minutes**

Location: Leesburg Town Hall, Lower Level Conference Room 1

Commissioners Present: Devon Carter
Enrique Gonzalez
Dana Kunzelman
Jasmin Martinez-Harris
Jean-Joseph Poisson

Commissioners Absent: Vanessa Maddox
Mary Randolph

Others Present: Vice Mayor Marty Martinez
Betsy Arnett, Staff Liaison

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:17 p.m.

Approval of Electronic Participation:

- Electronic participation by Commissioner Martinez-Harris was approved, on a motion by Commissioner Poisson, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Commissioner Martinez-Harris called in from home, as she was sick.

Election of New Chair and Vice Chair:

- Commissioner Martinez-Harris nominated Vice Chair Carter as chair. Commissioner Kunzelman seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Vice Charter was elected chair unanimously.
- Chair Carter nominated Commissioner Martinez-Harris as chair. Commission Poisson seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Commissioner Martinez-Harris was elected vice chair.

Approval of Agenda:

- Agenda was approved as presented, on a motion by Commissioner Poisson, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez.

Approval of Minutes:

- The minutes of the April 6, 2022, regular meeting were approved as presented, on a motion by Commissioner Kunzelman, seconded by Commissioner Poisson.

Commissioner Comments:

- **Commissioner Poisson** welcomed Commissioner Gonzalez back to the Diversity Commission. He opined that there is no greater power in the universe than the need for justice. No matter how long it takes, justice will be served.
- No other commissioners had comments.

Council Member Comments:

- Vice Mayor Martinez congratulate Chair Carter on his election as chair. He also noted that he is entering his last six months on Council, as he will not be running for reelection. He encouraged the commission to keep pushing the limits and not to accept the status quo.

Staff Report

- Ms. Arnett had no staff report other than to note that this meeting will be her last as staff liaison. Kara Rodriguez, the new Public Information Officer, will become the new staff liaison when she starts next week. Ms. Arnett said that she had enjoyed working with the commission and that she hope they will continue to push forward and advocate for change.

Chair Comments

- Chair Carter also welcomed Commissioner Gonzalez back to the Diversity Commission and said that he is looking forward to working with him. He also noted that there are a lot of fun events coming up this summer, and he hopes that participation and community awareness will continue to grow.

Upcoming Events

- **Juneteenth BURG Family Reunion – Saturday, June 18:** This family-friendly event will be at Ida Lee Park from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. The commission will not have a booth or table, but are encouraged to attend.
- **Employment Fair – Sunday, June 26:** The employment fair itself will go from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., but the commission has the room from noon on, so Chair Carter asked that commissioners be there early to help set up. Ms. Arnett noted that about 20 employers have registered (the limit is 24). She also noted that she has order yard signs to be posted at Ida Lee to direct people to the lower level banquet hall.
- **National Night Out – Tuesday, August 2:** This event, which is organized by the Police Department, will take place at the Leesburg Mobile Park from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Again, the commission will not have a booth or table, but commissioners are encouraged to attend. Commissioner Gonzalez noted that the Kiwanis have been collection children's books and asked if it would be possible for them to distribute books at the event. Ms.

Arnett said she would connect him with the officer who is organizing the event.

- **Police Department Latino Festival – Saturday, August 27:** This event at Ida Lee Park will include a soccer tournament. More details will be forthcoming.

Old Business

- **Picnic with the Police – May 1st (Debrief):** Commissioners who attended said it was a great event and it was great to see the community interaction.
- **What is Racism? Video:** Chair Carter asked commissioners if they were interested in pursuing this project. Several commissioners said they thought it is always good to make positive statements such as this, but were not interested in being in the video, by themselves, talking to the camera. Chair Carter will take a look at the video that former chair Linda McCray created and come back to the July meeting with suggestions for moving forward.
- **Social Media Account – Inquiries to Town Attorney:** Commission Kunzelman will follow up with Town Attorney Chris Spera.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at 7 p.m.