



Leesburg Diversity Commission Regular Meeting

Wednesday, October 9, 2024 • 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)
- Title VI Survey Announcement
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - Minutes of September 11, 2024 Meeting
- Petitioners
- Commissioner Comments
- Acting Chair Comments
- Council Member Comments
- Staff Reports
 - Public Information Office
 - Police Department
- Leesburg Police Department Presentation
 - Chief of Police Thea Pirnat
 - Michele Bowman, Manager of Public Information & Community Engagement
- Old Business
 - Fueled snack donation drive (debrief)
 - Employment Fair (debrief)
 - Domestic Violence Awareness Month ceremony (debrief)
- New Business
 - Vote on chair and (if needed) vice chair
 - FY26 Budget Discussion
 - Proclamation/awareness display requests
 - Next meeting: Wednesday, November 13 @ 7 p.m.
- Adjournment

Leesburg Diversity Commission
September 11, 2024
Regular Meeting Minutes

Location: Leesburg Town Hall, Lower-Level Conference Room 1

Commissioners Present: Enrique Gonzalez
Ana Quijano
Edgard Segura
Lisa Marie Horvatinovich
Melissa Simonetta (electronically)
Vanessa Borg (electronically)

Commissioners Absent: Devon Carter

Others Present: Public Information Officer Kara Rodriguez, Staff Liaison
Sgt. Wael Abilmona, Leesburg Police Department
Leighanne Greenberg, LAWS
Sam Clarke, LAWS

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of Electronic Participation

- On a motion by Commissioner Segura, seconded by Commissioner Horvatinovich, Commissioners Simonetta and Borg were approved to participate in the meeting electronically due to logistical issues.

Approval of Agenda

- Agenda was approved on a motion by Commissioner Horvatinovich, seconded by Commissioner Segura.

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes of the August 14, 2024, regular meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Horvatinovich, seconded by Commissioner Segura.

Staff Report

- Ms. Rodriguez reminded the Commission that the snack drive to benefit Fueled was ongoing through September 20, with donation bins at Town Hall and Ida Lee Park Recreation Center. She gave an update on issues with Bablic functioning correctly on the Town website. She also reminded the Commission that Chief Pirnat would be attending the October 9 and asked if there were any objections to putting her presentation at the beginning of the meeting and saving event/initiative debriefs to later in the agenda. She

also let the Commission know that they would need to begin discussing their FY26 budget request as that vote would need to occur at the November meeting.

- Sgt. Abilmona noted that National Night Out went very well.

New Business

- **Q&A with LAWS:** LAWS CEO Sam Clarke and Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator Leighanne Greenberg gave an overview of the services provided by LAWS Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services. Commissioners asked questions and offered feedback.
- **Domestic Violence Awareness Month Ceremony:** Commissioners and LAWS representatives discussed planning and coordination for the October 4 Domestic Violence Awareness Month Ceremony.
- **Employment Fair:** Ms. Rodriguez offered an update on the job fair digital advertising campaign and confirmed employers. Commissioners discussed who will attend the event. On a motion by Commissioner Segura, seconded by Commissioner Horvatinovich, the Commission voted to request \$20 in funding to purchase water bottles for attendees and exhibitors.

Other Business

- **Commissioner Segura** asked if there was interest in the Commission sponsoring a proclamation to recognize Hispanic Heritage Month. On a motion by Commissioner Segura, seconded by Commissioner Horvatinovich, the Commission voted to submit that request to the Town Council, and Commissioner Segura offered to accept it at the Council meeting.

Next Meeting Date

- No conflicts were noted for attendees present for the October 9 meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 9, at 7 p.m.