

Diversity Council

July 28, 2020 at 6:30 PM
Virtual Meeting-WebEx

ATTENDEES: Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu; Leah Burnett; Jeffrey Israel; Councilman Scott Rosado; Rippy Patton; Marcus Patton.*

*Other members of the public were on the call but were not identified.

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jeffrey Israel at 6:39pm

2. Introductions

Council members & public participants introduced themselves

3. Review & approve June 23 minutes

No quorum to approve

4. Public Participation

- Rippy Patton- Suggested the Diversity Council take over producing the “We Are One” Community Softball game to bring people together.

5. New Business

Follow up - City Arts & Culture Commission and Diversity Council Collaboration - Jeff attended their meeting on July 15th. At the meeting Jeff presented ideas on how the two councils could work together on a city-wide art project on diversity. One suggestion was to have groups, churches, organizations and city neighborhoods submit theme related artwork on diversity to be displayed on a date and place TBD. Other ideas for diversity themed projects were requested.

Diversity Council Farmers Market Booth - Theme/Content - It was suggested that the council have handouts regarding the Census, to get people to submit their responses. Dawn Nielsen has reserved a booth for the Diversity Council on two dates, Saturday, 8/22 and Saturday, 9/12.

6. Old Business

- Continued Council involvement in Census 2020 encouraging people to post on social media, Towns Facebook pages. Local clergy mention 2020 Census to congregants - Councilman Rosado informed the council on the current percentage of Census responses that have been done per census tract. The lowest response rate remains downtown, at about 52%. This census tract is also the city’s lowest socio-economic area.

7. Adjournment

Jeff Israel adjourned the meeting at **7:22pm**.