



CITY OF WORCESTER

CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL SELECTION MEETING

Wednesday, December 22, 2021 6:30 PM

WebEx Virtual Meeting – ID 160 184 4534

Call in number: 1-415-655-0001 - Access code: 160 184 4534

Present: District 1, Gerardo Schiano, Chairperson
District 1, Alan Larrivee
District 2, Rachel Brown
District 2, Elle Parker
District 4, Benetta Kuffour
District 5, Carol Stovall
At-Large, Jenny Pacillo

Absent: District 4, Janny Nivar De Reyes
District 3, Ken Asafo-Adjei

Staff: Jeannie Michelson, City Manager's Office

1. Gerardo called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.
2. Roll call of members to show that 6 members were present.
3. Rachel made a motion to accept the minutes from 10/18/21. Elle 2nd the motion. Minutes of 10/18/21 were approved.
4. Gerardo indicated that the meeting dates for 2022 would be discussed after applicants were interviewed.
5. Applicant Interviews:
 - a. Jully Khattar: Accessibility Advisory Committee: Vote: 5 – 0 in favor
 - b. Break to determine if 6 CAC members were still present.
 - c. Eric Torkornoo: Zoning Board of Appeals: Vote: 7 – 0 in favor
 - d. Thuha Le: Elder Affairs Commission: Vote: 7 – 0 in favor
 - e. Jamaine Ortiz: Diversity and Inclusion: Vote: 7 – 0 in favor
 - f. Thomas Randall: Arts Council: Vote: 7 – 0 in favor
 - g. Gary Rosen: Health Board: Vote: 7 – 0
 - h. Ellen Shemitz: Human Rights Commission: Vote: 7 – 0 in favor
 - i. Lovo Koliego:
 - i. Elder Affairs Commission: Vote: 7 – 0 in favor
 - ii. Health Board: Vote: 7 – 0 in favor
 - j. Eric Stratton: Cable Television Advisory Committee: No Show
 - k. Sonya Oquendo: Health Board: No Show

- l. Paul Popinchalk: Green Worcester Advisory Committee: Vote: 7-0 in favor
 - m. David Allain: Green Worcester Advisory Committee: Vote: 7 – 0 in favor
 - n. Ted Conna: Green Worcester Advisory Committee: Vote: 7 – 0 in favor
 - o. Johanna Hampton Dance: No Show
 - i. Arts Council, Health Board, Human Rights Commission
 - p. Evelyn Herwitz: Green Worcester Advisory Committee: Vote: 7 – 0 in favor
 - q. Joseph Johnson: Green Worcester Advisory Committee: No Show
 - r. Deidra Murphy: Green Worcester Advisory Committee: Vote: 7 – 0 in favor
 - s. Kim McCoy: Conservation Commission: Vote: 7 – 0
 - t. Andrew Willis: Arts Council: Vote: 7 – 0
 - u. Ronald Motta: Cable Commission: No Show
 - v. John Nah: Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee: No Show
 - w. Brian Wood: Community Development Advisory Committee: No Show
6. 2022 CAC meeting dates: 7 – 0 in favor.
 7. Gerardo welcomed Jenny Pacillo to the CAC.
 8. Gerardo requested updated demographic information for all board and commission members be provided at the January CAC meeting so we can see where we are and then propose new goals for the year.
 9. Carol asked about continuing to meet virtually. After discussion, it was decided that the CAC would continue to meet virtually until April 2022 and then consider the options at that point.
 10. Jeannie listed the upcoming new boards/commissions that would be under the purview of the CAC.
 - a. Jeannie will create fliers for each and send information to the CAC upon their effective date:
 - i. Affordable Housing Trust Fund (effective now),
 - ii. Urban Forestry Tree Commission (effective 1/17/22),
 - iii. Latino Advisory Commission (effective 2/28/22)
 - b. Gerardo mentioned adding a meeting if there were an abundance of applicants for one of the new boards.
 11. The next meeting is a selection meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 6:30pm.
 12. Carol made a motion to adjourn. Jenny 2nd the motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 8:43pm.

/jmm

Approved 1/12/22: 8 – 0 in favor