CITY OF WORCESTER
CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES
CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL SELECTION MEETING
Thursday, March 31, 2022 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 3, Ken Asafo-Adjei
District 4, Janny Nivar De Reyes
District 4, Benetta Kuffour
District 5, Carol Stovall
At-Large, Jenny Pacillo

Absent: District 2, Rachel Brown
District 2, Elle Parker

Guest: Eric Batista, Assistant City Manager

Staff: Jeannie Michelson, City Manager’s Office

1. Gerardo called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
2. 7 members were present.
3. Carol made a motion to accept the minutes from 3/14/22. Jenny 2nd the motion. Minutes of 3/14/22 were approved.
4. Eric Batista spoke about the Commission on Latino Affairs and answered questions by the CAC.
5. Applicant Interviews:
   a. German Chiriboga
      i. Latino Affairs: NO SHOW
   b. Alexander Elton
      i. Urban Forestry: 7 – 0
   c. Margarita Navarro
      i. Latino Affairs: NO SHOW
      ii. Diversity and Inclusion: NO SHOW
   d. Leopoldo Negron Cruz
      i. Latino Affairs: 7 – 0
   e. Mitchell Shepherd
i. Affordable Housing: 4 – 2 (Benetta Kuffour recused from voting)
ii. Human Rights Commission: 6 – 1

f. Tony Sousa
   i. Planning Board: NO SHOW

g. Francisco Valdes
   i. Affordable Housing Trust Fund: NO SHOW
   ii. Latino Affairs: NO SHOW

6. Discussion about lack of applicants for Commission on Latino Affairs
   a. Provide flier in multiple languages
   b. Go on radio shows, esp. Spanish speaking shows
      i. Janny is willing to go on radio
   c. WCCA TV – Check with Mauro to see if we can go on any Spanish stations
   d. Jenny mentioned churches
      i. Jeannie will send church memo to Gerardo for edits to go on the April agenda.

7. Jeannie announced that tonight is Ken’s last meeting after serving 2 full terms.
8. The next meeting is a business meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 6:30PM.
9. Ken made a motion to adjourn. Janny 2nd the motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm.

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