



HUMAN RELATIONS DIVERSITY BOARD

1 N. Bluford Avenue
Ocoee, Florida

June 1, 2023

MINUTES

6:15 PM

• CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by **Acting Support Services Director Gaines** at 6:15 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of City Hall located at 1 N. Bluford Avenue, Ocoee.

Member Moyer led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, followed by a moment of personal reflection. **Recording Clerk Torres** performed roll call and declared a quorum present.

Present: Members Mellen, Cummings, Maxwell, Moyer, and Singh.

Absent: Members Cease and Milien

Also Present: Commissioner Hart, Acting Support Services Director Gaines, and Recording Clerk Torres

Guest(s): Mayor Johnson

• INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS

Members briefly introduced themselves.

• REVIEW OF BYLAWS

Acting Support Services Director Gaines went over Resolution No. 2023-01 HRDB Bylaws.

Mayor Johnson and Acting Support Services Director Gaines, both clarified that the city would handle future events and that members are still encouraged to volunteer at events. They further addressed questions related to civic organizations serving as a liaison (non-voting) as well as other Board related questions. The Board agreed with the newly established Bylaws adopted by the Commission.

• ELECTION OF CHAIR AND CHAIR-ELECT

Consensus of the Board was to postpone the election of chair and vice chair until all members are present.

• DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Acting Support Services Director Gaines went over the following upcoming events

- Juneteenth –June 17th
- Family Recreation Day – July 22nd
- Hispanic Heritage Month – September
- Ocoee Remembrance Day - November 4th and 5th
- Veteran's Day – November 9th

• **Public Comments**

Penny Walker, *Alliance of Truth and Justice*, conveyed best wishes and support from the organization. She further invited everyone to visit the link to the direct page of the ATJ website where the life stories of the Ocoee Massacre descendants can be viewed.

Gene Mardin, *Chase Racial Equity Commitment*, focused on closing the racial wealth gap - through home ownership, minority owned businesses, and financial help education.

• **Set Next Agenda – Thursday, July 6th**

- Approval of Minutes
- Introduction of absent Members
- Election of Chair and Chair Elect
- Discussion regarding Liaison (non-voting)

• **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

ATTEST:



Angel Torres, Recording Clerk

APPROVED:



Chairperson