HUMAN RELATIONS DIVERSITY BOARD

1 N. Bluford Avenue
Ocoee, Florida

November 7, 2024 **AGENDA** **6:15 PM**

- **CALL TO ORDER**

  Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

  Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

  1. Read aloud Mission Statement - “The general mission of the Human Relations Diversity Board (" HRDB") is to promote understanding, respect, goodwill, and equality among all citizens and businesses of the City of Ocoee.”

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

  1. Minutes from October 3, 2024

- **OLD BUSINESS**

- **NEW BUSINESS**

  1. Budget 2025
  2. Set New Agenda for December 5, 2024

- **DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

- **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- **ADJOURNMENT**

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1 N. Bluford Avenue
Ocoee, Florida

October 3, 2024 **MINUTES** **6:15 PM**

- **CALL TO ORDER**

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

Chair Moyer led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of personal reflection. **Recording Clerk Torres** proceeded with the roll call, and confirmed the presence of a quorum.

Present: Chair Moyer, Vice-Chair Maxwell, Members Cummings, Mellen, Cease, Singh and Beck

Also Present: Mayor Johnson, Parks and Leisure Services Assistant Director Gaines, and Recording Clerk Torres

First line of Mission Statement was read by **Member Mellen** “The general mission of the Human Relations Diversity Board ("HRDB") is to promote understanding, respect, goodwill, and equality among all citizens and businesses of the City of Ocoee.”

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approval of Minutes for the HRDB meetings held in April, May and June:

Motion: Move to approve the April, May and June Minutes; Moved by Member Mellen, seconded by Member Singh. Motion carried unanimously.

- **NEW BUSINESS –** Election

Chair Moyer expressed his honor in serving as chair this year but indicated he would like to step down.

Motion: Move to nominate Member Beck for Chair; Moved by Member Mellen, seconded by Member Cummings. Motion carried unanimously.

Member Beck accepted the nomination and was voted in as Chair.

Motion: Move to re-elect Vice-Chair Maxwell; Moved by Member Beck, seconded by Member Mellen. Motion carried unanimously.

Member Mellen and **Vice-Chair Maxwell** both took a moment to thank **Chair Moyer** for his dedicated service this year.

Member Beck distributed a proposal suggesting that the current opening prayers for City of Ocoee Meetings be expanded to include diverse beliefs or a moment of reflection. She expressed her concern that the prayer may pressure individuals who do not share that faith to participate. In response, **Mayor Johnson** stated he would not support changing the prayer on behalf of the City, noting that he has not

received any complaints about it. He encouraged anyone who wishes to offer a different prayer to feel welcome to come forward and do so.

Motion: Move to maintain the current opening prayers for the City of Ocoee Meetings; Moved by Member Mellen, seconded by Vice-Chair Maxwell. Motion carried unanimously.

Parks and Leisure Services Assistant Director Gaines was asked about Hispanic Heritage Month,and noted that the City is currently hosting an event during the meeting. **Vice-Chair Maxwell** added that he had participated in organizing Ocoee's first Hispanic Heritage Month event.

- **DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

Hispanic Hertiage Month Event – October 3rd
Halloween Trunk or Treat - October 25th
Descendants Dinner – November 2nd
Veterns Day Ceremony – November 7th
Jolly Jamboree – December 14th
Centennial Celebration Commences – January 1st

- **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- **SET NEXT AGENDA**

  - Read aloud Mission Statement

  - Approval of Minutes for the October 3, 2024, meeting

Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

ATTESTED: APPROVED:

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Recording Clerk Chairperson