



CITY OF WORCESTER

CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL SELECTION MEETING

Thursday, February 17, 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 2, Rachel Brown
District 3, Ken Asafo-Adjei
District 4, Janny Nivar De Reyes
District 5, Carol Stovall
At-Large, Jenny Pacillo

Absent: District 2, Elle Parker
District 4, Benetta Kuffour

Guest: James Brooks, Economic Development

Staff: Jeannie Michelson, City Manager's Office

1. Gerardo called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
2. 7 members were present.
3. Janny made a motion to accept the minutes from 1/12/22. Alan 2nd the motion. Minutes of 1/12/22 were approved.
4. James Brooks from the Economic Development Office spoke about the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board of Trustees and answered questions by the CAC.
5. Applicant Interviews:
 - a. Victor Agudelo
 - i. Affordable Housing Trust Fund: 6 – 1
 - b. Tyler Allawas
 - i. Affordable Housing Trust Fund: 4 – 3
 - ii. Community Development Advisory Committee: 7 – 0
 - c. Nicole Bell
 - i. Affordable Housing Trust Fund: 7 – 0
 - d. Robert Bilotta
 - i. Affordable Housing Trust Fund: 7 – 0
 - ii. Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee: 7 – 0

- e. Christian Castro
 - i. Affordable Housing Trust Fund: NO SHOW
 - f. Lucelia DeJesus
 - i. Affordable Housing Trust Fund: 7 – 0
 - g. Sherry Devine
 - i. Affordable Housing Trust Fund: NO SHOW
 - ii. Human Rights Commission: NO SHOW
 - h. Maria Stella Fiore
 - i. Affordable Housing Trust Fund: NO SHOW
 - i. Hamilton Soriano
 - i. Cable Television Advisory Committee: 6 – 1
 - ii. Affordable Housing Trust Fund: 7 – 0
 - j. Johanna Hampton Dance
 - i. Human Rights Commission: 7 – 0
 - ii. Affordable Housing Trust Fund: 6 – 1
 - iii. Worcester Arts Council: 6 – 1
 - k. Benetta Kuffour
 - i. Affordable Housing Trust Fund: 7 – 0
 - l. Ann Lisi
 - i. Affordable Housing Trust Fund: 7 – 0
 - m. Joyce Mandell
 - i. Affordable Housing Trust Fund: WITHDREW
 - n. Jono O'Sullivan
 - i. Affordable Housing Trust Fund: 7 – 0
 - o. Mary Piecewicz
 - i. Affordable Housing Trust Fund: 7 – 0
 - p. Gabriel Rodriguez
 - i. Affordable Housing Trust Fund: 7 – 0 (Lives in affordable housing)
 - ii. Community Development Advisory Committee: 6 – 1
 - q. Bill Shaner
 - i. Urban Forestry Tree Commission: 7 – 0
 - ii. Affordable Housing Trust Fund: 5 – 2
 - r. Michael Testa
 - i. Affordable Housing Trust Fund Commission: 6 – 1
 - s. Xaulanda Thorpe
 - i. Affordable Housing Trust Fund Commission: 7 – 0
 - ii. Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee: 6 – 1
6. Gerardo requested that the staff liaison to the Urban Forestry Tree Commission be present at the March 14th meeting to give an overview prior to applicant interviews.
 7. Gerardo requested that the CAC consider holding an additional meeting in March for the anticipated applicants to the Advisory Commission on Latino Affairs.

- a. After discussion, the CAC agreed to schedule a special meeting just for the applicants to the Advisory Committee on Latino Affairs on Thursday, March 31, 2022 at 6:30PM.
 - b. Gerardo requested that the staff liaison to the Advisory Commission on Latino Affairs be present at the March 31st meeting to give an overview of the new commission.
8. Considering that two of the seats on the AHTF require that the applicant live in affordable housing, several CAC members expressed concern about how to ask about an applicant's housing situation.
 - a. Jeannie will reach out to Stephanie Williams, Chief Diversity Officer and Jayna Turchek, Director of Human Rights and Accessibility, to gain insight about how to deal with sensitive questions.
9. Gerardo announced that the next two meetings are selection meetings:
 - a. Monday, March 14th 6:30PM via WebEx (guest Rob Antonelli)
 - b. Thursday, March 31st 6:30PM via WebEx (guest Eric Batista)
10. Ken made a motion to adjourn. Jenny 2nd the motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm.

/jmm

Approved: 7 – 0 3/14/22