

Advisory Board Minutes

9/24/2021 9:03am | *Meeting called to order by* Tsehai Teklehaimenot

Meeting adjourned at 9:24am

In Attendance

Ad Board Members: Tsehai Teklehaimenot (Chair, At-Large), Dr. Genevieve Duran (Vice-Chair, Co-Chair DAAC), Riyaz Gayasaddin (DAAPIC), Allison Duh (DAAPIC), Tariana Navas-Nieves (Latino), Debbie Scheer (LGBTQ), Temi O. (DIRC), Karissa Johnson (At-Large)

Other City Staff: Derek Okubo, Tess Trewin

Approval of minutes

August 2021 meeting minutes approved unanimously.

Agenda Review

Time	Agenda Item	Lead
9:00am	Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome and intros 	Tsehai Teklehaimanot
9:05am	Approval of August 2021 minutes	Tsehai Teklehaimanot, All
9:07am	Agenda review	Derek Okubo
9:10am	Mayor's Office Update	Derek Okubo
9:15am	HRCP Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renaming/Reframing Update Afghan Refugee Resettlement Budget 2022 	Derek Okubo
9:25am	Mayor's Diversity & Inclusion Awards	Veronique Van Gheem
9:35am	Commission Partnership Day Reminder 11/6	Dr. Genevieve Duran
9:45am	EDI Grants Update	Tsehai Teklehaimanot
9:50am	Vax Verification this link	Derek Okubo
10:00	Commission Business/Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlights Upcoming Events Collaborative Opportunities/Requests with other Communities 	All
10:30am	Adjourn	Tsehai Teklehaimanot

Mayor's Office Update/HRCP Update

MO Updates

1. Budget
 - a. Mayor submitted budget letter to council

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- b. Meetings to be held this month
- c. Budget process
 - i. Begins in May
 - ii. Vetting through the summer
 - iii. Mayor Meetings in July/August
 - iv. Council meetings in September
 - v. Approval October/November
- d. Budget items
 - i. Recovery
 - ii. Public safety/policing
 - iii. Housing stability/homeless solution
2. Civic Center Park Closure
3. Mayor and HOST launched 100-day housing surge
 - a. 200 people have been housed thus far
 - b. Goal is expediting housing process within 100 days

HRCP Updates

1. Renaming/Reframing
 - a. Meetings held with Parks & Councilwomen Kniech & Ortega
 - b. Process is being placed to engage community in forums
 - c. Hiring facilitation team
 - d. Need to find funding
2. Afghan Evacuees
 - a. 1,000-2,000 evacuees to arrive in Denver
 - b. Evacuees going through vetting process on military bases
 - c. 3 resettlement agencies taking lead along with State
 - d. City will take care of overflow – anticipate most of housing to take place in Denver
 - e. Updates to come
3. HRCP Budget
 - a. Submitted 20 expansion requests for positions – 16 were approved by Mayor
 - b. Adding 5 staff to HRCP in 2022 – positions to be posted in early 2022
 - i. Deputy Director
 - ii. 3 language access team members
 - iii. Financial coach
 - c. \$300,000 added to legal services fund for Immigrant & Refugee
4. 2 additional members to Ad Board joining the team in October

Mayor's Diversity & Inclusion Awards

Derek Okubo

1. Please submit honoree if you have not done so
2. Awards will be virtual

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Commission Partnership Day

Dr. Genevieve Duran

1. On-track: final planning meeting to be scheduled in mid-October – discussion to be breakout room questions
2. November 6th from 10am-2pm

EDI Grants

Tsehai Teklehaimenot,

1. Reminder – deadline extended to September 30th

Vaccination Verification

Derek Okubo

1. In the process of vaccine verifications
2. If you have not done so – deadline is September 30th
 - a. Schedule time to meet with OHR
3. If not verified, commissioners will be excused from their commissions

Commission Business/Updates

Tariana Navas-Nieves, Latino Commission

1. Annual Summit – open forum session for annual summit, holding two meetings

Allison Duh, Riyaz Gayasaddin, DAAPIC

1. Conducting Survey – being developed
 - a. General needs of community
 - b. Has the needle moved? Hope to form listening sessions based on outcome
2. Afghan Resettlement
 - a. Partnering with organizations
 - b. Sub-committee working on efforts

Tsehai Teklehaimenot, DHHA

1. Partner with Denver Health to bring vaccination MythBusters to sites
 - a. Visiting twice for both doses