



CITY OF WORCESTER

CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 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

Excused: District 4, Benetta Kuffour
At-Large, Elle Parker

Staff: Jeannie Michelson, City Manager's Office

1. Gerardo called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.
2. Attendance.
 - a. 6 CAC Members were present (Gerardo, Alan, Rachel, Janny, Carol) 1 staff was present (Jeannie)
3. Gerard asked for a motion to accept the minutes from 3/15/21. Motion was made and 2nd. Minutes of 3/15/21 were approved.
4. Gerardo called for each applicant during the interview process.

Applicant Interviews:

 - a. Muhammad Xhemali: Board of Health: 6 – 0 in favor
 - b. Beth Wangari: Board of Health: No Show
 - c. Shaun Lesperance: Board of Health: 6 – 0 in favor
 - d. Arthur Jarrett: Human Rights Commission: 6 – 0 in favor
 - e. Charles Hopkins: Human Rights Commission: No Show
 - f. Nicola Dandrea: Planning Board: 6 – 0 in favor
 - g. Shani Byfield: Board of Health: No Show
 - h. Christopher Bates: Human Rights Commission: 6 – 0 in favor

- i. Kevin Aguirre:
 - i. Planning Board: 6 – 0 in favor
 - ii. Zoning Board of Appeals: 6 – 0 in favor
- j. Asuncion Austriaco: Diversity and Inclusion: No show
- k. Nicole Blair: Board of Health/Human Rights: No show
- l. Dara Pazooki: Off Street Parking: 6 – 0
- m. James Bedard: Board of Health: No show

5. Future agenda ideas:

- a. Gerardo indicated that he would like to include an agenda item on the next calendar regarding quorum and the importance of having more than the minimum quorum (6 members) present so that the applicants have a fair chance at being nominated.
 - i. Gerardo is open to ideas such as requiring at least 7 members in order to hold a selection meeting.
 - ii. Rachel asked about the process for changing the quorum rule.
 - iii. Carol suggested adjusting the meeting schedule based on everyone's availability.
 - b. Jeannie let the members know that Raymond had resigned due to employment relocation and that the CAC would need to select a new vice chairperson.
6. Rachel made a motion to adjourn. Carol 2nd the motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm.

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Approved: 5/20/21 by CAC