

***Mission:** The role of the Cultural Diversity Council (CDC) is to foster a climate of mutual respect among the many diverse groups and communities in Matthews; improve communications between these groups and communities and the Town government and leaders; to offer input to Town and community issues; and to encourage discussion of differing viewpoints to promote an understanding in a multicultural environment and increase Matthews' capacity to become a more culturally competent organization and community. The CDC may also become involved in other tasks as requested by the Board of Commissioners or Town staff and additional subcommittees or task forces may be created as needed.*

Minutes
CULTURAL DIVERSITY COMMITTEE
JORDAN ROOM, MATTHEWS TOWN HALL
TUESDAY, March 27 2018 – 7:00 PM

Present: Sarah Milledge, Jermaine Milledge, Chuck Wilson, Bob Hughes, Becky Thompson, Matthew French, Nikki Keith and Natisha Patrick.—Town Manager Hazen Blodgett

Matthew called meeting to order at 7:05.

Special guests representing BAPS (Hindu) in Matthews provided an overview of Hinduism and the temple in Matthews. Representatives invited the group to participate in the following:

BAPS Charities Walkathon for Natures Conservancy

May 6, 2018

Starts behind Matthews Elementary at 10:30

Registration is \$15

Nikki made a motion to approve the minutes. Becky seconded. The minutes were approved.

Bob provided an update from the Human Service Council.

CDC had discussion on Strategic Plan. Matthew talked with the parks and rec committee and staff to determine how to integrate diversity into the existing Matthews events.

Bob announced a healthy living festival on May 12.

Matthew announced that Corey King with parks and rec will attend the May CDC meeting.

Bob announced that we incorporate dates of other entities/important dates into the Chamber calendar.

Matthew announced that the email policy is to bcc everyone. You may not reply all. CDC is a public body so we cannot conduct business via email. Send documents and messages to Matthew and as chair, he will send to the committee.

Hazen announced that the Special Needs Advisory Committee is folded into the CDC.

Hazen announced that Town of Matthews will endorse events that:

- 1) Receive funds from the town.
- 2) Items approved through the board

The Board did not recommend or take action to support the activities/events set forth by the CDC that align with the CDC mission. The Town mentioned there may be negative legal implications if you deny content. The policy will be revisited in April.

Matthew announced that due to personal reasons he will resign as chair.

Natisha Rivera Patrick was unanimously elected as chair.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51

Next Meeting April 24, 2018 at 7:00pm