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### AFRICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION - MINUTES Thursday, March 14, 2024 | City Hall Room 430 (4th Floor) - 411 W 1st Street | 6:00p

**Commissioners Present:** Njoki Kamau, Ayana Izala, Bernice Pepper, Melissa Grimes, Archie Davis, Vanni Hayden

### 1. Call to Order: 6:12pm

- 2. <u>Election of Officers</u> New Chair-Melissa Grimes New Vice Chair- Ayana Izala
- 3. <u>Public Comment:</u> No public comment

# 4. a) Approval of September 14th, 2023 Meeting Minutes:

Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Commissioner Njoki **MOTION/Second:** Grimes/ Njoki **Vote (5-0-1 abstain) APPROVED** 

#### b) Robert's Rules of Order:

Staff member Phillis Webb talked to the commission about utilizing Robert's Rules of order to make meetings run more effectively. She also stated that if there are any questions they can ask staff for clarification

#### c) Unity Fund Grant Award/RFP process:

Manager Pervenanze stated that the unity fund grant is to help the ideas from the commission. Laying out a timeline to make this idea move forward. Commissioner Davis, Hayden and Pepper stated that they wanted to help with this. Commissioner Hayden made a motion to have sub-committee for assistance with the RFP. **MOTION/Second:** Grimes/ Davis **Vote (6-0) APPROVED** 

# 5. Individual Commissioner Project List Updates:

#### a) Commissioner Pepper- Pastor Galloway:

Commissioner Pepper referenced her email to staff on getting assistance from Pastor Galloway and the 2911 group. Manager Pervenanze stated that there can be a consideration on behalf of the commission (flag, pin, re-imbursement).

Adjourn (Next meeting, April 11, 2024) MOTION/Second: Pepper / Hayden Vote (6-0) APPROVED 7:20pm