AGENDA

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I. Call to Order/Roll Call/Minutes (October 11, 2018)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Islam at 4:01 p.m.

Roll was taken of the Commissioners, staff and guests in attendance. The minutes from the October 11, 2018 meeting were reviewed and one correction was presented. Page 5 – Section VIII Commissioner & Staff Remarks – first paragraph; Commissioner Jenkot stated she would like the minutes to be amended to state “that the student changed into a dress at school. The student did not come to school wearing dress”. Commissioner Berlucchi also wanted to reiterate his remark that he made in the October 11, 2018 minutes that “he personally does not have confidence in the ability of VBCPS to conduct a thorough investigation into these types of issues” and thanked the Commission for allowing his comment/statement to be added to these minutes.

Commissioner Berlucchi made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as corrected and Commissioner Jenkot seconded the motion. The meeting minutes from the October 11, 2018 were approved unanimously.

II. College Beach Week Planning (Ron Williams, Deputy City Manager)

Deputy City Manager, Ron Williams shared that globally-acclaimed, Virginia-born musician, producer and entrepreneur Pharrell Williams and his team presented an opportunity to the City of Virginia Beach regarding College Beach Weekend. Pharrell and his team are developing an event during what is traditionally College Beach Weekend (or Week 17) with the City called “Something in the Water”. Pharrell will be working with City leaders to plan the event.

The event will include various types of activities at and around the Virginia Beach Convention Center and Oceanfront including the stages at 5th Street, 17th Street, 24th Street and 31st Street. The event will host a range of events from music, conferences, and cultural gatherings that will serve as a launching pad for fashion, music, food and guest speakers. The weekend will be a ticketed event and the cost of admission will range from a one-day event pass ($99) to a weekend ticket ($399). This festival is still in the early planning stages but the concept will be similar to events such as South-by-Southwest held in March and ComplexCon held in mid-November.

B.J. Baumann, a Commissioner with the Resort Advisory Commission (RAC) spoke of a recent meeting between RAC and Pharrell’s team. Although, she has been outspoken in the past against creating events during College Beach weekend – she is encouraged by what Pharrell and his team presented and remains encouraged by what this can do for our local economy. After the meeting, RAC voted unanimously in favor of the festival and strongly endorse the event.

Vice Chair-woman Nery-Strickland made a motion that the VBHRC support the “Something in the Water” Event, Commissioner Blaize seconded the motion, the motion was approved unanimously.

III. VBPD Ride-Along Program Overview (Deputy Chief Zucaro)

The Ride-Along Program has been established to develop a sense of mutual respect and understanding between the police and citizens from the community. The current program has three (3) different categories. The first category is Private Citizens which allows the citizen to request a ride in the police vehicle to broaden their experience and knowledge of the police function. You must be of 18 years of age to participate.

The second category is Non-Sworn Public Safety Personnel. This category includes personnel of the City of Virginia Beach and who are assigned to public safety functions. The third category is Other Law Enforcement Personnel. This category includes all full-time law enforcement by a local, state or federal law enforcement agency displaying appropriate identification.

IV. Citizen Comments

None at this time were presented.
V. Continuing Work of the VBHRC

- **VBHRC Retreat Follow up (Howard Waldie IV)**
  Howard Waldie, IV, facilitator, provided a summary of the comments from the survey from the retreat as well as a few insights and recommendations from him, as the facilitator. The retreat was held on Thursday, October 18, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the new Parks & Recreation Building. Participants were asked to complete an on-line survey after the event. Approximately 83% or 10 out of 12 commissioners participated in the on-line survey.

Next Steps from the retreat feedback:
- Revise Work Plan
- Develop a Commission Brochure
- Specific actions and defined direction for 2019/strategic work and planning
- Additional discussion on internal structure and management
- Another half-day retreat to focus on the original plan/request

General observations from the Facilitator include:
- Open communication among the Commissioners
- Ensure that opinions and desires expressed are vetted throughout the entire Commission
- Trust in the process you elect to follow
- Assume positive intent
- Seek outside consultation for an alternate perspective

He stressed that these recommendations are coming strictly from him as a facilitator and in no way reflect the views of the City.

- **Human Rights Week**
  Commissioner Islam proposed requesting a Mayoral Proclamation towards the 70th Anniversary of the United Nations Resolution as well as possibly a joint resolution with the Charlottesville Commission. Chairman requested that a committee be formed to plan events for Human Rights Week. Commissioners Stanley, Blaize, Nery-Strickland, Orecia and Amberman have offered to serve on the committee.

- **Pastors / Leaders Table**
  Commissioner Stanley reminded everyone that the table would be meeting at 7pm directly following the VBHRC meeting at Good Samaritan Church on Herbert Moore Road.
  - **Rescheduled Expo**
    Commissioner Stanley reminded everyone of the Community Expo Scheduled for Saturday, December 8 from 10 am -1 pm. She handed out invitations for the Commission to share with the community.

- **The Art of Humanity**
  Commissioner Stanley would also like to remind everyone that the Art of Humanity: In Honor of the Season for Non-Violence event is starting planning meetings. For the second annual Art of Humanity event, the tentative date is April 6, 2019 and the Virginia Beach Schools has agreed to partner in supporting the event. Commissioner DiNonno has agreed to work with Dr. Parrott towards creating an opportunity for students to engage with the event. The six week annual celebration is scheduled to begin January 30 and run until April 4. Sandy Lawrence, the Vice President of the Little Theater of Virginia Beach has offered their building as a location for the event and a community mural. Kate Pittman at the ViBe Creative District shared that the diversity grant offered through the Arts and Humanities Commission might be available to help fund the mural. Commissioner Stanley through her role with the Interspiritual Empowerment Project and Virginia Organizing and Sandy Lawrence with LTVB agreed to look into the grant.

VI. Commissioner and Staff Remarks

- The VBHRC recognized, Captain Michael Ronan for his years of dedicated service to the community and presented him with a Certification of Achievement. Captain Ronan will be retiring on...
January 1, 2019 after 35 years of service with the Virginia Beach Police Department.

- Commissioner Orencia is chairing a special committee to create a new logo for the VBHRC, any Commissioners interested in participating please contact Commissioner Orencia directly.

- Chairman Islam and Commissioner Knight-Thompson recently met with members of the Virginia Beach Public School Board and discussed the possibility of establishing a committee to address bullying. Commissioner Knight-Thompson shared that the Chair and Vice Chair of the VB School Board requested that the Commission consider the possibility of establishing an advisory relationship with the Virginia Beach School Board, similar to their current role with City Council. Rod Ingram agreed to look into the request to determine how that could be accomplished.

- Commissioner Berlucchi shared that his is actively working a proposal to charter a bus to the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, DC to celebrate Black History Month in February. He would like to partner with the African American Cultural Center to offer their board members the opportunity to join the VBHRC for the trip. The museum does not accept group tours, however he is working with his contacts to try and make a group tour possible for this partnership. If Commissioners would like to work on the project or if they have questions Commissioner Berlucchi welcomes any and all input. Commissioners Blaize and Amberman volunteered to provide their assistance for this event.

- Chairman Islam asked Commissioner DiNonno if he was willing to work on project for onboarding future Commissioners both Student Commissioners and adult Commissioners. Commissioner DiNonno said he would look into the possibility.

- Commissioner Blaize shared information regarding the most recent VAHR meeting. Kathy has offered to scan the information Commissioner Blaize provided and will share with other Commissioners. The VAHR has scheduled their next meeting for February 18, 2019. Commissioner Blaize also shared that she will be meeting with Human Services Director, Dannette Smith and others on December 13 to discuss the Foster Care Program.

- Commissioner Amberman was invited by the Secretary of North American Affairs to attend the first meeting of Mexican-American Women Leaders held in the City of Puebla, Puebla Mexico. The meeting highlighted the strong and lasting relationship between Mexico and USA. She invited her fellow Commissioners to attend the 9th Annual Immigrant Advocates Summit sponsored by the Virginia Coalition of Latino Organizations to be held on Thursday, November 15, 2018 from 8:30am - 5:00pm at the Annandale United Methodist Church located at 6935 Columbia pike, Annandale, VA 22003.

- Commissioner Nery-Strickland encouraged her fellow Commissioners to submit a brief written report to help keep one another informed about upcoming events and other work. To this end, she and Chairman Islam shared a Chair and Vice Chair Report with the Commission.

- Dr. LaQuiche Parrott, invited everyone to two upcoming events. The first is the Beach Girls Rock-Empowerment Seminar Series. This event will be held on November 17 at 8:00 a.m. at Princess Anne High School. The series is designed for all fifth to eighth grade female students in Virginia Beach City Public Schools. The second event is the 12th Annual African-American Male Summit event. The event will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2019 between 8:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. at Green Run High School. This event is open to VBCPS students in Grades 5 at selected elementary schools and all VBCPS middle and high school students. Dr. Charles Corprew, Ill a 1989 graduate of Green Run High School will be the keynote speaker.

VII. Adjournment

Commissioner Jenkot made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Blaize seconded; meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.