Aurora Immigrant & Refugee Commission  
Tuesday, April 12, 2022 5:30pm  
City Café, Aurora Municipal Center

Commissioners Present: Linda Skelley; Jakie Zvejnieks; Kevin Vargas; Salvador Cazun;  
Lizzy Beachland; Samuel Gebremichael
Commissioners Excused: Mark Wideman  
Commissioners Absent: None  
Other present: Sabe Kemer, Julie Resslam  
Staff Present: Ricardo Gambetta and Minsoo Song

1) Meeting was called to order at 5:41pm by Chair Kevin Vargas

2) OIIA Update:  
- Mr. Gambetta debriefed on the UN Refugee Delegation’s visit to Aurora and thanked Commissioner Zvejnieks, Vargas, and Gebremichael for joining at the presentation to share best practices with the delegation.  
- OIIA received the grant of $50,000 from the private foundation for its immigrant integration effort and will be welcoming a contract Community Outreach Specialist

3) Member Term Clarification  
- Ms. Song shared the Immigrant and Refugee Commission Ordinance from 2016 when the AIROC was first established.  
- Ms. Song suggested to revise AIROC bylaws to reflect the ordinance.  
- Commissioner Beachland made a motion to revise AIROC bylaws to align with the ordinance and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Gebremichael volunteered to review the bylaws to reflect city’s code & charter and the ordinance.  
- Chair Vargas asked commissioners to promote AIROC openings with their own networks.

4) Global Fest  
- AIROC members will be bringing some ideas by next meeting and Chair Vargas will work with Ms. Song to reach out to the previous participants.

5) AIROC Goals  
- Chair Vargas suggested to revisit AIROC’s goals for 2022 and asked AIROC members to identify the area where each member want to participate by May meeting

6) Member update  
- Commissioner Zvejnieks asked commissioners to send her any events in the community to share with the group  
- Commissioner Beachland asked Commissioners to submit the bios and encouraged commissioners to visit the local business owned by immigrant and refugee community.  
- Commissioner Cazun shared update on the showing of “Las Pupusas” at AMC

7) Chair Vargas adjourned the meeting at 7:17pm