



CITY OF LAUREL, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION NO. 2-2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF LAUREL, MARYLAND CREATING A MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Sponsored by the President at the request of the Administration.

WHEREAS, the City of Laurel supports diversity and strives to maintain an environment that incorporates persons of various races, ethnicities, religions and cultures; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to create a committee to review diversity concerns and to develop strategies for the City and general public to address these concerns; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to create a committee which would provide cultural programs to further educate the general public and to recognize City businesses and organizations that work to improve the multicultural facets of the City; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the committee would be to achieve lasting improvements to the City through diversity while working with other organizations and City departments; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Laurel, Maryland that a new Multicultural Advisory Committee be and hereby is created with duties as follows:

1. Name. The name of the Committee shall be the City of Laurel Multicultural Advisory Committee.
2. Purpose and duties. The Committee shall protect and enhance the diversity of the City through the following:
 - a. Coordinate and advise the Mayor and City Council, City departments and the community regarding issues impacting multicultural communities.
 - b. Educate the community about the City's cultural diversity.
 - c. Recognize those in the community that are making a difference in the areas of diversity.
 - d. Plan the annual Community and Culture Day Festival, which shall be held on the Second Saturday of September each year.

3. Budget. The Committee shall receive a budget for the annual festival approved by the Mayor and City Council. Committee members shall receive no salary. Participation is voluntary.
4. Membership. The Committee shall consist of seven (7) City Residents and or City Business Owners with an additional member from the City Staff.
 - a. The members shall have a desire and interest to improve the cultural diversity in the City of Laurel.
 - b. Each member shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council.
 - c. Each member shall be appointed to a three (3) year term.
 - d. The Chairperson of the Committee shall be a member of the City Council.
 - e. The Vice Chairperson shall be elected from the Committee membership.
 - f. A City Staff person from the Mayor's Office shall serve as the Secretary and shall keep records of Committee meetings.
 - g. The Committee shall be made up of seven (7) City residents and or City business owners.
5. Meetings shall be held quarterly at a minimum as set by the Chairperson.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect on the date of its adoption.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

SARA A. GREEN, CPM, CMC
Clerk to the City Council

JAMES KOLE
President of the City Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2024.

KEITH R. SYDNOR
Mayor