



Date: January 12, 2012

To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager
Through: Theodore L. Voorhees, Deputy City Manager
From: Rhonda B. Parker, Parks and Recreation Director
Subject: Request to Appear before City Council - Nitin Goyal

Executive Summary

Nitin Goyal notified the City Manager's Office and made an official request to appear before City Councils' Work Session on January 19, 2012.

The Recreation Advisory Commission (RAC) Chairman, Umar Muhammad made an attempt to reach Nitin Goyal via phone (which was listed on the official request to appear form) on Wednesday, January 11, 2012. Contact was unsuccessful; the phone message says that this number is disconnected when it is dialed.

There is no supporting documentation that Nitin Goyal ever contacted the RAC Chairman, Umar Muhammad or DPR staff requesting to speak at one of the RAC meetings or have access to any of the RAC members.

RAC meetings are scheduled on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the DPR Administrative Office Training Room on Cleveland Street from 7:30 am - 9:00 am and formally publicized as such through the City Clerk's office. All meetings are open to the public, and any citizen may submit a request to be heard on agenda matters. The RAC has never denied a formal request to be heard.

Recommendation

Reiterate that all City Council appointed boards and commissions are open to the public.

Background

The RAC is a City Council appointed commission which is comprised of City of Durham Citizens who serve as an advisory body to the Durham Parks and Recreation Department. The City Clerks' Office advertises all boards and commissions monthly meetings in the city's calendar.