


COMMUNITY MULTICULTURAL COMMISSION (CMC)
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD
THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jennifer Nguyen, Chair
Sunbola Ashimi, Vice Chair
Chekeitha Gray
Dassa Giles
Deo Sookdeo
Henry Hammons, II
Jennifer Najera Hague
John S. Fleming
Martha Melaku
Minerva Moreno

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Hubert Hartin
Kaushalya Siriwardana

STAFF PRESENT:

Priscilla Wilson
Cheryl Ziriaux

GUESTS:

None

Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Chair Jennifer Nguyen.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Henry Hammons; second by Sunbola Ashimi to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2011 meeting; approved unanimously.

Chair's Briefing:

Quarterly leadership meeting with Chief Bates attended by Jennifer Nguyen.

Events Subcommittee met at Tasty China and Hollabaugh Recreation Center on Tuesday, June 7 to discuss upcoming events.

Subcommittee met on Wednesday, June 15 at A Taste of Italy to discuss the Mosaic Festival.

Jennifer Nguyen met with Garland Fair Housing staff on Wednesday, June 15 to coordinate with the Summer Nutrition Program at Hollabaugh Recreation Center site for the DFW Asian American Citizens Council volunteers. On Friday, June 17, the Asian Community volunteered at the Hollabaugh Recreation Center Summer Nutrition Program site. The children were involved with crafts, dances, and a geography quiz. There were over 100 children present. The Vietnamese Weekly Newspaper published a front-page article regarding the event.

On Tuesday, June 14 Sunbola and Jennifer Nguyen along with Garland Mayor, Ron Jones, attended the DFW International Dinner with the Mayors.

Staff Briefing:

Staff again recommended that a CMC Subcommittee review monthly events and make recommendations each meeting. The Multicultural Affairs Subcommittee Chairperson, Sunbola, will review the DFW International and City Press calendars, and offer recommendations at the next meeting.

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Saturday, September 24, the “Health Living” Expo sponsored by the City will take place. It would be good for the CMC to volunteer or have a booth.

Drafts of the CMC brochures were provided.

The Council Map with CMC Staff photos is being worked on. Staff will look into whether it is possible to put the CMC members pictures and name on the map using ‘sticky’ paper. Photos are still needed of Martha and Sunbola. They are to coordinate a time with Cheryl to have their picture taken at City Hall.

Giveaways for CMC events were discussed. It was suggested to take the blue disposable pens to the Baylor Diversity Fair and delay ordering new merchandise in an effort to find better pricing. Several members suggested other vendors to help reduce prices. The suggestions were to be sent via email to Cheryl.

Robert Rules of Order training was provided by Mary Kayser, City Secretary, on Wednesday, June 22 with Chekeitha and Henry in attendance. Deo, Minerva, and Kaushalya attended the training on Thursday, June 23.

Motion made by Deo Sookdeo; second by Martha, to send a “thank you” to Mary Kayser, and to make it suitable for framing or a letter; approved.

Committee Reports/Discussion:

Ad hoc Committee

- No report

Communication, Learning, Understanding & Education (CLUE)

- CMC Brochure
 - Will there be a new web address with the new website?
 - History portion – no changes
 - Census items – have been updated
 - Mission Statement – updated
 - Map of Council districts – leave it more neutral or keep the council member names?
 - 2010 Accomplishments – possibly make more generic or have to update the brochure annually.
 - Remove names/dates (yearly)
 - Liked the colorful design from our college intern.
 - Liked the content from the CLUE subcommittee.
 - Major accomplishments vs. outreach and events heading

Motion made by Martha; second by Sunbola that we accept the brochure with the design and headings from the city and use the verbiage with the changes that were suggested to make it more generic. Martha amended the motion to have a final email vote prior to printing; later Martha rescinded this motion and amendment.

Priscilla emailed the possible new Mission Statement wording to the members.

John Fleming is moving and will no longer be serving on the commission as of July 1, 2011. He invited members to one of his upcoming band performances and wished everyone well.

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Motion made by Henry Hammons; second by Deo to present John with a plaque along with his nameplate at one of the events listed above. Henry amended to give some type of appreciation that is cost effective. Minerva suggested something nice, computer generated on cardstock for the CMC members to sign and send. 8 approved; 1 opposed – it was carried.

Motion made by Jennifer Nguyen, second by Jennifer Hague to suspend meeting to order dinner, approved.

Meeting was resumed at 7:20 p.m. by Jennifer Nguyen.

Motion made by Sunbola, second by Martha that we accept the mission statement as follows, “As a liaison between Garland City Council and its citizens, we advocate for Garland citizens through education, communication and strategic collaborations on behalf of the diverse cultural needs of the community.”, approved, none opposed.

- Brochure changes (continued from page 2):
 - Will update committees
 - Take dates out on the back and use “Outreach and Events” heading
 - Strategic Actions – see brochure for updates
 - Should we say Mayor and City Council?
 - 2010 Major accomplishments
 - Remove everything to do with dates use heading “Outreach and Events”
 - Move 1st bullet point under the “2010 Census” heading (may use something from the articles written about CMC’s part).
 - Include photo (see brochure)
 - C.L.U.E. Committee will get with Cheryl and will make the changes
 - Check to see if we can get an email address tied to the CMC website

Motion made by Martha, second by Sunbola, to accept the content of the brochure as discussed, approved.

- CMC Letter of Introduction:
 - The subcommittee has several samples to work from – they will have a CLUE meeting and will present at the next meeting.
- Website
 - No report
 - Asked to put pictures of CMC members and an email address onto the website

Community Services

- **Senior Awareness Day** – August 6
 - Can they provide 300-400 copies of the flyers?
 - Suggestions made by Minerva and Deo were compiled.
 - Suggestion was made to ask the planning committee to add the CMC logo/name to the flyer.
 - Jennifer Nguyen is willing to translate the flyer into Vietnamese.
 - Suggested that CMC have a table at the event.

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- Deo will contact the event coordinators to see if we can be listed as a sponsor on the flyers.
- **Senior Awareness Day** (*continued*)
 - Flyer suggestion was to add more diverse pictures and increase white space in the information area.
- **Baylor's Diversity Fair** – July 15
 - Sunbola will help setup
 - Kaushalya will be in attendance the entire time
 - Deo will check what time he'll be available
 - Dassa and Henry will be at the event
 - Cheryl & Priscilla will rotate in and out
 - All are asked to wear their CMC shirt and badge

Multicultural Affairs

- **Event Updates**
 - Mosaic Festival – October 1, 2011
 - Dassa still wants to do the event.
 - Jennifer Nguyen is concerned that everyone is very busy.
 - Baylor's Diversity Fair – July 15, 2011
 - Still on calendar
 - We the People Conference/Mosaic Festival – 2012
 - Not discussed yet

Motion made by Jennifer Nguyen, second by Sunbola, that the Mosaic Festival/ We the People Conference be held in the Fall of 2012; Nov 3rd, 2012; approved.

Motion made by Dassa, second by Jennifer Hague that we get one (1) table cover, 3-sided for a 6-foot table, white with logo for \$277; approved.

Announcements

Jennifer Nguyen will be unavailable for several weeks. Priscilla will probably be unavailable on August 18, she will confirm at the July meeting.

Jennifer Hague announced this would be her last meeting; she will be moving and is resigning. Jennifer was involved with a 24-hour gig at the Plano theatre Saturday, June 25th. Prices were \$12/person at 8:00 p.m. "Railroad Drama Works" presents 7-10 plays that last approximately 10-15 minutes each that are Family Friendly.

Jennifer Nguyen shared that the DFW/Asian/ American Citizen Council Award Banquet will be held on September 24th. She has nominated the CMC for the best non-Asian supporting community.

Adjourn

Motion made by Jennifer Nguyen, second by Minerva to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

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Submitted by: Cheryl Ziriak, CMC Secretary

Approved by Committee: July 21, 2011

Approved by: Jennifer Nguyen, CMC Chair