COMMUNITY MULTICULTURAL COMMISSION (CMC)
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD
THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT:	**MEMBER ABSENT:**	**STAFF PRESENT:**
Sunbola Ashimi, Vice Chair	John Fleming	Priscilla Wilson
Dassa Giles	Henry Hammons	Rosalinda Martinez
Chekeitha Gray	Jennifer Nguyen, Chair	
Jennifer Najera Hague		
Hubert Hartin	**GUESTS:**	
Martha Melaku	None	
Minerva Moreno		
Kaushalya Siriwardana		
Deo Sookdeo		

Call To Order
The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Vice Chair Sunbola Ashimi.

Approval of Minutes
Motion made by Dassa Giles; second by Deo Sookdeo to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2010 meeting.

Guest Comments
None.

Chair's Briefing
Sunbola Ashimi announced that the Garland NAACP will hold its Winter Ball on February 11, 2011 at the Doubletree Hotel. Two tickets will be purchased for the CMC. Kaushalya Siriwardana and Dassa Giles will attend. Sunbola also announced that the NFL Mothers Gala will be held on Saturday, February 5, 2011 from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. The event will be held at the Atrium and tickets are $100/person.

Staff Briefing
Priscilla announced that this is the last meeting that Rosalinda will attend. Rosalinda is no longer able to serve as the secretary to the CMC due to her job responsibilities and personal commitments after her normal working hours.

Priscilla reminded the CMC that they may want to meet to determine the 2011 goals. Motion made by Dassa Giles; second by Hubert Hartin to determine and set the goals for the year and to suspend committee reports during the February 17th monthly meeting; approved unanimously. Motion made by Dassa Giles; second by Chekeitha Gray to amend the above motion to include obtaining an outside facilitator to assist the CMC with the goal-setting; approved unanimously. The February meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m. instead of 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be provided. Sunbola asked the CMC members to be prepared for the goal-setting meeting and to bring their ideas to the next meeting.

Deo Sookdeo stated that the Census project was a major accomplishment in 2010. Minerva Moreno stated that the CMC should set 3 or 4 goals now and then at the end of the year report the accomplishments to the City Council. Sunbola asked Deo to draft a report of accomplished goals for 2010. The report should include the Census project, the Census block party, the Mosaic Festival and the CMC column in the City Press. Sunbola asked the members to submit their past committee reports to Deo so that he can compile a summary of the goals and accomplishments. The CMC will review the draft report at the February meeting.

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Bylaws/Code of Conduct
Sunbola provided copies of the revised bylaws/code of conduct. Sunbola reminded the members about the following sections of the Code of Conduct:

> **Section 9**. CMC members shall notify the secretary at least three (3) days prior to the regularly scheduled meeting if he/she is unable to attend. CMC members shall notify the secretary as soon as the member knows they are unable to attend the meeting, and no later than one day (24 hours) prior to the regularly scheduled meeting.
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> **Section 14.** Notice must be given to the Commission's chair, co-chair and secretary by the close of business on the Monday preceding the CMC meeting of the committee's intent to present a committee report. A written committee report shall be submitted to the above mentioned members at that time. Electronic mail notification of said intent is acceptable.

Committee Reports/Discussion
It was determined that not all the board members are on a subcommittee, therefore, Sunbola passed around a subcommittee list for members to sign up for the committees they are interested in. An updated list will be provided to the members at the next meeting.

Ad hoc Committee
The CMC discussed the need for an ad hoc committee to handle the CMC calendar. The committee could be made up of at least two members who would be responsible for providing the calendar to the CMC. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Communication, Learning, Understanding & Education (CLUE)
No report per Martha Melaku.

Current Affairs
No report per Deo Sookdeo.

Economic Opportunities
No report – John Fleming not present.

Events
Sunbola reported that the CMC participated in the Garland NAACP's Annual MLK Day Parade on Saturday, January 15, 2011. Martha Melaku and John Fleming secured trucks for the parade but due to low CMC participation, it was decided to just use Martha's truck. Candy and pencils were provided by Priscilla's office and these items were passed out at the parade. The members that participated were Martha Melaku, Dassa Giles, John Fleming, Chekeitha Gray, Kausha Siriwadana and Sunbola Ashimi. Members that were not able to attend were Deo Sookdeo, Henry Hammons, Minerva Moreno, Hubert Hartin, Jennifer Nguyen and Jennifer Najera Hague.

Health & Community Services
CMC Topic of the Month/Newspaper Column
Kaushalya Siriwardana stated that she provided a draft of the Topic of the Month column to Priscilla who discussed it with Dorothy White. It was determined that the topic will be placed on the CMC website unless it is promoting a CMC event. If promoting an event it will be included in the City press. Kausha invited the CMC members to submit any ideas they would like to be included in the column.

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CMC Meeting Dates and Future Agenda Items
The next meeting will be held on February 17, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. instead of 6:00 p.m. The 2011 Goals will be determined and set at the February meeting.

Priscilla stated she will be out of town the week of the March 17, 2011 meeting. Minerva stated that week is also GISD Spring Break. Motion made by Martha Melaku; second by Kaushalya Siriwardana to move the March 17, 2011 meeting to March 24, 2011; approved unanimously.

Announcements
None

Adjourn
Motion made by Sunbola Ashimi to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m.; second by Martha Melaku; approved unanimously.

Submitted by: **Rosalinda Martinez, CMC Secretary**

Approved by Committee: **February 17, 2011**

Approved by: **Sunbola Ashimi, CMC Vice Chair**