

# COMMUNITY MULTICULTURAL COMMISSION (CMC) MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: <u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>: <u>STAFF PRESENT</u>:

Jennifer Nguyen, Chair Deo Sookdeo Brenda Vega Chekeitha Gray Henry Hammons, II Cheryl Ziriax

Dassa Giles Kaushalya Siriwardana Dorothy Brooks

Hubert Hartin

GUESTS:

Martha Melaku

Minerva Moreno

Ricardo Rocha

# **Call To Order:**

Susie Rutherford

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Chair Jennifer Nguyen.

# **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion made by Hubert; second by Dorothy to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2011 meeting; approved unanimously.

#### **Guest Comments:**

Jennifer introduced Dorothy L. Brooks a returning member. Dorothy shared info. about herself. Jennifer also introduced Susie Rutherford, a new member, who did the same. The other CMC members introduced themselves.

# **Chair's Briefing:**

Jennifer has attended numerous events since our November meeting.

Jennifer thanked Ricardo Rocha for the use of his truck for the NAACP MLK Parade on Saturday, January 14.

Jennifer attended a meeting to provide her input on the selection of the new Fire Chief.

She attended the DFW AA Council meeting last night and shared a portion of our plans for the We The People Conference. They are excited and willing to help us in any way they can.

## Staff Briefing:

In Priscilla's absence, Brenda Vega and Cheryl Ziriax presented the Staff Briefing.

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WTP Conference Committee will meet on Monday, January 23: Priscilla Wilson will send recommendations to the members via e-mail.

Mayor's State of the City address will be held February 27 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at The Atrium. The cost is \$25.00 per person. For this event Priscilla would like everyone to attend that is able and would like to. Motion made by Dassa; second by Minerva for CMC to purchase tickets for every CMC member that will attend the Mayor's State of the City address and Luncheon; approved unanimously.

The NAACP Winter Ball will take place February 24 at 8:00 p.m. at the Doubletree Hotel in Richardson. CMC will send two people.

Cheryl reminded the members to send their contacts in an Excel format. The members requested the spreadsheet with headings.

The CMC/Council Map will be completed before Tuesday, January 24. The last 3 pictures were taken this evening.

The new CMC business cards were distributed to the members that were present.

# **Committee Reports/Discussion:**

#### **Ad hoc Committee**

# Communication, Learning, Understanding & Education (CLUE)

- CMC letter of introduction Ready to send per Martha.
- Website Brenda shared that they are getting close to completion on the new Website.

### **Community Services**

No report

### **Multicultural Affairs**

- Event Updates Minerva shared that they have not had meetings due to the holidays. They will meet on Monday, January 23 and will share the updates then. Jennifer will not be able to attend Monday's meeting.
- Jennifer's AAC Council is very excited about the We The People Conference and they are willing to help fill the event location as well as help from 7 a.m. – cleanup on the day of the event. They can also help with various activities during the Conference; i.e. Job fair, Social Security information, fashion show, etc.

#### Review Calendar of Events

 Martha Melaku and Dorothy Brooks will attend the NAACP Annual Winter Ball on February 24.

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- The Organization of Chinese America will be celebrating the "Year of the Dragon" on Saturday, February 11 at Maxine's Restaurant in Richardson. Tickets are \$50 per person. Motion by Martha; second by Dassa to send two CMC members to the event on February 11; approved unanimously.
- The CMC meeting scheduled for March 15 is during GISD Spring Break. Motion by Minerva; second by Ricardo to move the meeting to March 22, 2012; approved. Note: Hubert will not be able to attend due to a prior commitment.

# **CMC Meeting Dates and Future Agenda Items**

- CMC Meeting February 16, 2012
- CMC Meeting March 22, 2012
- CMC Meeting April 19, 2012

### **Announcements**

Jennifer has the first Vietnamese American TV station in this area in Richardson and will be hosting a grand opening soon.

# Adjourn

Motion made by Martha; second by Minerva to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Submitted by: Cheryl Ziriax, CMC Secretary

Approved by Committee: February 16, 2012

Approved by: Jennifer Nguyen, CMC Chair