

# **COMMUNITY MULTICULTURAL COMMISSION (CMC)** MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2011**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: MEMBERS ABSENT:** STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Nguyen, Chair Sunbola Ashimi, Vice-Chair Priscilla Wilson

Chekeitha Gray Henry Hammons, II

Cheryl Ziriax Dassa Giles

**Hubert Hartin GUESTS:** Irene Hartin

Kaushalya Siriwardana Martha Melaku Fran Brown Minerva Moreno

# **Call To Order:**

Ricardo Rocha

Deo Sookdeo

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Chair Jennifer Nguyen.

# **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion made by Martha; second by Deo to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2011 meeting; approved unanimously.

#### **Guest Comments:**

None.

## Chair's Briefing:

None.

## Staff Briefing:

None.

# **Committee Reports/Discussion:**

#### **Ad hoc Committee**

- Election of Officers
  - Dassa Giles presented the Election of Officers Ballot to the members as follows:
    - Office of Chairperson: Jennifer Nguyen
    - Office of Vice Chairperson: Martha Melaku
      - 1<sup>st</sup> Election Office of Vice Chairperson:
        - o 7 members cast their votes for Martha Melaku
      - 1<sup>st</sup> Election Office of Chairperson:
        - o 7 members cast their votes for Jennifer Nguyen

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- The new Chairperson will be Jennifer Nguyen and the Vice Chairperson will be Martha Melaku.
- Both Jennifer and Martha expressed their appreciation for the members' vote of confidence.

# Communication, Learning, Understanding & Education (CLUE)

No report

# **Community Services**

No report

### **Multicultural Affairs**

- Event Updates
  - We The People Conference **November 3, 2012** 
    - Bi-weekly meetings are on hold while discussions are taking place regarding the possibility of combining several City events.
       Priscilla will keep us updated.

#### Review Calendar of Events

- NAACP Martin Luther King Parade January 14, 2012
- Motion made by Dassa; second by Martha for CMC to participate in the "23rd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Garland, Texas Parade and March" on January 14, 2012, with entry fee of \$6.00; approved unanimously.
- Martha will organize the CMC's MLK Parade Committee; Dassa and Deo volunteered to help. Cheryl will check for the magnetic CMC signs and will supply the candy for the parade.

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

- Christmas on the Square December 1, 2011
- Leadership Garland Prayer Breakfast December 8, 2011
- NAACP MLK Parade January 14, 2012
- CMC Meeting January 19, 2012
- CMC Meeting February 16, 2012
- CMC Meeting March 15, 2012

### **Announcements**

GAFHA's Hispanic Heritage Banquet will take place on Saturday, November 19 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at The Atrium. Kausha and Minerva will be guests of the Chamber. Dassa and Martha are available to attend the banquet on CMC's behalf. Motion made by Hubert; second by Kausha to purchase two CMC tickets for the Hispanic Heritage Banquet; approved unanimously.

Hubert Hartin introduced his spouse, Irene Hartin.

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Committee Chairs were chosen and are as follows:

Bylaws/Nominating – Dassa (Chair) Multicultural Affairs – Minerva (Chair) CLUE – Ricardo/Martha (Co-Chair)

Community Services – Kausha (Chair); Deo (Asst. Chair)

The Committee Chairs will recruit members to help in their area.

Mayor Jones appointed Dorothy Brooks and re-appointed Henry Hammons to the CMC; the City Council approved the appointments. Ms. Brooks has served previously on the CMC.

# Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m. by Jennifer Nguyen.

After adjourning, the CMC members and their guests held their annual holiday potluck dinner.

Submitted by: Cheryl Ziriax, CMC Secretary

Approved by Committee: January 19, 2011

Approved by: Jennifer Nguyen, CMC Chair