



GARLAND

COMMUNITY MULTICULTURAL COMMISSION (CMC) MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jennifer Nguyen, Chair
Deo Sookdeo
Janet L. Bridges
Jesse A. Sanchez
Jim Gallegos
Kaushalya Siriwardana
Marcie Adame
Ricardo Rocha

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Martha Melaku, Vice-Chair
Charles Pickitt
Minerva Moreno

STAFF PRESENT:

Priscilla Wilson
Beth Dattomo
Cheryl Zirix

GUESTS/CITIZENS:

Mayor Douglas Athas
Richard Fregoe
Ron Jensen
Andy White
Steve Dye

Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. by Chair Jennifer Nguyen.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Marcie; second by Jesse to approve the September 23, 2013 meeting minutes; approved unanimously.

Citizen Comments:

Garland's Mayor Douglas Athas welcomed City of Grand Prairie's Mayor Ron Jensen, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Richard Fregoe, Assistant to the City Manager Andy White, and Chief of Police Steve Dye. Grand Prairie is considering the feasibility of beginning a CMC in their city.

Chair's Briefing:

In the interest of time, Jennifer submitted her report in written form.

We welcomed one new CMC member, Jim Gallegos, to our Commission. Introductions were made.

Staff Briefing:

Our January meeting will include Robert's Rules of Order training by Mayor Ronald E. Jones. The training will last approximately 1 ½ hours. The agenda will be limited to 10-15 minutes.

The sign-up sheet will be emailed to everyone for our annual November dinner to take place immediately after our meeting. The meat and drinks will be provided. The agenda will be limited to essential items only.

Jesse and Marcie will attend the GAFHA Banquet on behalf of the CMC Saturday, October 19.

The Neighborhood Summit will take place on October 26 at the Hyatt Place.

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Committee Reports and Discussion

- **Ad hoc Committee**
 - Nominations – Martha was unable to attend the meeting due to work; Minerva was ill; and Jesse did not receive the necessary information to present the slate of officers. The slate will be presented at the November meeting and the vote will be at the January meeting for the Chair and Vice-Chair.
- **Communication, Learning, Understanding & Education (CLUE)**
 - Motion made by Kausha; second by Janet to discuss the 'Global Youth Conference for Cultural Education' contest concept; approved.
 - Priscilla would like to spend time with the committee in further discussion. Once a date has been set, Cheryl will notify all CMC members so they may also attend if interested.
 - Motion made by Janet; second by Deo to continue discussion of this project for further consideration; approved.
- **Community Services**
 - No report.
- **Multicultural Affairs**
 - Event Updates – No report.
 - Calendar of Community Events
 - Cheryl compiled a calendar listing City events and select events from the DFW International calendar through the end of 2013. If CMC approves, it will be added to the webpage. If a CMC member has any items to add to the calendar, email the information to Cheryl.
 - The Boards & Commissions Appreciation Dinner will be held on Thursday, October 24 at the Hyatt Place. RSVP's are due by 10/21/2013; Cheryl will send the information to the CMC members.

CMC Monthly Meeting Dates:

November 21, 2013 at City Hall; Austin State Room

January 16, 2014 at City Hall; Austin State Room

February 20, 2014 at City Hall; Austin State Room

Future Events:

Consider participation in the NAACP MLK Parade held sometime in January in Garland.

Future Agenda Items:

Information regarding the CMC subcommittees will be sent to members for their review. It is suggested that each member join at least one subcommittee.

Motion made by Janet; second by Marcie to schedule a retreat prior to January's meeting to discuss the direction and activities for the following year and then work the budget to reflect the decisions as well as the slate of officers; approved. It was decided by the members present that a Saturday date was more desirable than an evening. Priscilla has two Saturdays available prior to the end of the year – November 2 and December 7. An email will be sent for the members to vote on the date.

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Adjourn

Motion made by Deo; second by Jesse to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m.; approved.

Submitted by: Cheryl Ziriaux, CMC Secretary

Approved by Committee: November 21, 2013

Approved by: Jennifer Nguyen, CMC Chair