



GARLAND

COMMUNITY MULTICULTURAL COMMISSION (CMC) MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jennifer Nguyen, Chair
Martha Melaku, Vice-Chair
Deo Sookdeo
Janet L. Bridges
Jim Gallegos
Kaushalya Siriwardana
Marcie Adame
Minerva Moreno
Ricardo Rocha

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Charles Pickitt
Jesse A. Sanchez

GUESTS/CITIZENS:

Juan Carlos Reynoso

STAFF PRESENT:

Beth Dattomo
Priscilla Wilson
Cheryl Zirrax

Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Chair Jennifer Nguyen.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Marcie; seconded by Jim to approve the November 21, 2013 meeting minutes as presented; approved unanimously.

Citizen Comments:

Juan Carlos Reynoso with Carter Blood Care presented the need to educate the community about the need to consider donating blood 3-4 times per year. Some cultures are not comfortable with donating blood due to misinformation or lack of education with the process. Carter Blood Care would like assistance in identifying opportunities to educate the citizens of Garland. Carter Blood Care collects locally and the blood is used by local hospitals.

Chair's Briefing:

Jennifer, Jesse, Council Member Anita Goebel, Mayor Douglas Athas, and others attended the Saigon Mall Raffle Festivities/Drawing held on Saturday, November 23, 2013.

Jennifer hosted two GISD Taiwanese Exchange Students for two weeks in December and was very blessed.

To celebrate VietFace TV Dallas' one year anniversary, Thuy Nga Paris Productions will present Dem Lam Phuong on Sunday, January 19 at 2 p.m. at the Curtis Culwell Center. Members, who would like to attend, were instructed to email Jennifer so she would be able to meet them at the event.

Cali Saigon Mall will be having the Lunar New Year Festival beginning January 24 thru 26. The festivities begin at 10 a.m.

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Staff Briefing:

Priscilla shared that we have a truck available for the MLK Parade; it will be delivered to City Hall tomorrow. Marcie will pick up the key after the truck is delivered and Ricardo will drive the truck in the parade. The signs, candy, and brochures will be in the truck.

The CMC Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, January 25 with breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and the retreat/facilitator to begin at 9:00 a.m. Due to the wording on the posted agenda for tonight's meeting, it was decided to hold the elections of officers during the retreat. Motion made by Martha; seconded by Marcie to have the elections at 8:45 a.m. on Saturday, January 25, 2014; approved (Ayes-6; Nays-3). Motion by Martha; seconded by Ricardo to approve the Agenda with the time changed to 8:45 a.m. to allow for elections; approved unanimously. Jennifer and Deo shared a copy of their pre-assignment with everyone present.

Due to joint board meetings at City Hall during our regular monthly meetings, the February and March meetings will need to be moved. Motion by Marcie; seconded by Minerva to move the February and March meetings to 232 Carver (Building #2); approved unanimously.

Robert's Rules of Order Training will be held during the regular monthly February meeting. There will be no fee for the training because it has been less than 12 months since Mayor Ronald E. Jones left office.

The coming elections will be held on Saturday, May 10. The following Council members will be up for re-election: Tim Campbell (District 1), Anita Goebel (District 2), BJ Williams (District 4). Council member John Willis (District 5) has reached the maximum number of terms.

The City Event Calendar was updated and shared with those present. The Committee Selections sheet has been updated and those that have not chosen a Committee should let Cheryl know your choice(s).

Committee Reports and Discussion

- **Ad hoc Committee**
 - Nominations – Due to verbiage, voting will take place at the Special January meeting on Saturday, January 25.
 - Slate of officers:
 - Chair: Jennifer Nguyen
 - Vice-chair: Charles Pickitt and Martha Melaku
 - Nominations from the floor:
 - Chair: Charles Pickitt
- **Communication, Learning, Understanding & Education (CLUE)**
 - Global Youth Conference
 - Motion made by Jim; seconded by Minerva to accept proposal to meet with GISD contacts and review this project; approved unanimously.
- **Community Services**
 - No report.
- **Multicultural Affairs**
 - Event Updates – No report.

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- Recommendations/Considerations:
 - MLK Parade – January 18, 2014 (\$7 entry fee)
 - Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Patty Granville Art Center parking lot in the back.
 - Big thank you to Priscilla and Fleet for getting the truck this year.
 - NAACP Winter Ball – February 14, 2014 (\$50/person)
 - Email Cheryl if you would like to attend this function; but, CMC will only cover two tickets.

CMC Monthly Meeting Dates:

February 20, 2014 – 232 Carver; Building #2

March 20, 2014 – 232 Carver; Building #2

April 17, 2014

Future Agenda/Events Items:

March agenda – non-profit organization that works with independent school districts to help parents of students be involved in PTA's.

Adjourn

Motion made by Ricardo; seconded by Jim to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.; approved.

Submitted by: **Cheryl Ziriaux, CMC Secretary**

Approved by Committee: **February 20, 2014**

Approved by: **Jennifer Nguyen, CMC Chair**