GARLAND

COMMUNITY MULTICULTURAL COMMISSION (CMC)
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Jennifer Nguyen, Chair
Martha Melaku, Vice-Chair
Charles Pickitt
Deo Sookdeo
Jesse A. Sanchez
Jim Gallegos
Kaushalya Siriwardana
Marcie Adame
Minerva Moreno

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Janet L. Bridges
Ricardo Rocha

GUESTS/CITIZENS:
None

STAFF PRESENT:
Beth Dattomo
Rosie Perez

Call To Order:
The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Chair Jennifer Nguyen.

Committee Discussion:
Develop 2014 Action Plan

- All committee members decided on subcommittees and chairs.
- Decided to meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday's of the month with the first meeting of the month being a committee night meeting and the second meeting of the month being the regular commission meeting.
- Would like to partner with other entities to host the Mosaic Festival again this year, perhaps with the GDBA or a GISD.
- Would like to partner with churches in the community for events.
- Will continue to work with NAACP, Senior Awareness Day.
- Committees will work together to establish specific goals and outreach opportunities for partnership in the community.
- Would like to work with a Code Cares project.
- Agreed to collaborate more with other organizations for a larger audience and attendance at events.
- Will assign each subcommittee different ideas to look at and have them report back each meeting for action by the full commission.
- Would like to have more collaboration with the youth in the community through the GYC and GISD.
- Would like to work towards promoting diversity and pride in the community.
- Gave each committee an action plan:
    - **Communication, Learning, Understanding & Education (CLUE)**
        - Work on U.N. project for next year with GISD (Global Youth Conference)
        - Multicultural Restaurant Guide

- **Community Services**
  - Educate the Garland community
  - Attend banquets to promote the CMC and diversity
  - Continue partnership with NAACP, and other ethnic groups
- **Multicultural Affairs**
  - Partner with GISD
  - Partner with GDBA
  - Collaborate, and outreach more in the community

Adjourn:
Jennifer Nguyen, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

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

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

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