



# GARLAND

**COMMUNITY MULTICULTURAL COMMISSION (CMC)  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD  
THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2011**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jennifer Nguyen, Chair  
Sunbola Ashimi, Vice Chair  
Chekeitha Gray  
Deo Sookdeo  
Henry Hammons, II  
Hubert Hartin

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Dassa Giles  
Kaushayla Siriwardana  
Martha Melaku  
Minerva Moreno

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Priscilla Wilson  
Cheryl Ziriak

**GUESTS:**

Leea Thompson-Fudge  
Jerry Nichols

**Call To Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:27 p.m. by Chair Jennifer Nguyen.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion made by Sunbola Ashimi; second by Hubert Hartin to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2011 meeting; approved unanimously.

**Guest Comments:**

Leea Thompson-Fudge and Jerry Nichols with the Senior Awareness Planning Committee provided a flyer for each of the CMC members. The Senior Awareness Day will be held August 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Richardson. There will be 42 exhibitors, multicultural entertainment, and the mayors from Richardson and Garland. The deadline to apply for a booth/table this year was June 2011. Flyer changes would need to be approved by the host city as well as State Representative Angie Chen Button. Next year's Senior Awareness Day will be held on Saturday, August 4, 2012 in Garland at The Atrium. We will get with Mayor Jones to set up a meeting in regards to next year's event and will include the Senior Planning Committee.

**Chair's Briefing:**

No report.

**Staff Briefing:**

The new brochures were used at the Baylor Diversity Fair. CMC had lots of exposure with very little work. We need to be involved in these types of opportunities.

A quote was received from Print Tyme to have the new brochures professionally printed. The budget has \$1,500 remaining; the giveaways quotes are approximately \$1,000. Jennifer Nguyen suggested for Cheryl to send a soft copy of the brochure and

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she will approach a printer to see if the printer would be willing to sponsor the printing, or reduce price, or print now and bill next budget year.

Sunbola suggested tabling the giveaway items until we figure out the Mosaic Festival budget. Motion made by Sunbola Ashimi, second by Chekeitha Gray to table the giveaways until the budget is figured out for the Mosaic Festival this year and next year; approved.

Motion made by Jennifer Nguyen; second by Sunbola Ashimi that we have a table for the Healthy Living Expo on Saturday, September 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Will need CMC members to sign up for shifts; approved.

For the Healthy Living Expo on September 24, the following individuals plan to attend: Priscilla Wilson, Jennifer Nguyen, Chekeitha Gray, and Hubert Hartin. The Community Service Committee has been assigned the creation of a story/photo board. Chekeitha will put it together and will report at the August meeting.

The NAACP Back to School Fair will be held August 20 this year. The CMC would like to be involved. Motion made by Jennifer Nguyen; second by Henry Hammons to obtain a booth for the NAACP Back to School Fair on Saturday, August 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Gale Fields Recreation Center; approved. CMC members may collect/donate school bags, slightly used clothes (all sizes), and/or help with the process. CMC members would like to help with the clothing area, as well as display our banner and photo board. Everyone needs to wear his or her CMC shirts. Priscilla to look into coordinating with the NAACP representative.

Acknowledgements for Mary Kayser's Robert's Rules of Order training, and John Fleming's and Jennifer Hague's service on the CMC were displayed to the CMC members and then sent to the recipients.

A hold was placed on the Special Events Center for the We the People/Mosaic Festival to be held on November 3, 2012. Need to start planning now. May be able to have John Washington assist in getting the facility with no charge.

**Committee Reports/Discussion:**

**Ad hoc Committee**

- No report

**Communication, Learning, Understanding & Education (CLUE)**

- CMC Brochure
  - Cheryl will update the brochure to include the City's new logo.

Motion made by Sunbola Ashimi; second by Chekeitha Gray to accept the brochure that is in front of us with the City of Garland logo change; approved.

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- CMC Letter of Introduction:
  - Martha will send an email with the information for approval.
- Website
  - CMC has a new email address; the website will be updated.

**Community Services**

- **Senior Awareness Day** – August 6
  - Discussion to not go as a committee
  - Jennifer will call Angie Chen-Button
  - The CMC members will be at the event when Mayor Jones gives his remarks so we can be introduced as CMC (Chekeitha may be able to attend; Jennifer Nguyen will attend)

**Multicultural Affairs**

- **Event Updates**
  - Mosaic Festival – October 1, 2011
    - We do not have \$2550 that is being requested for the budget
    - Update flyer to include photos from 2010 Mosaic Festival
    - Jennifer will meet with Dassa and committee next week
  - We the People Conference/Mosaic Festival – November 3, 2012
    - Not discussed yet
- **Review Calendar of Events**
  - For August look for events to assist or add to them
    - Citizenship/Immigration workshop
      - Have Naturalization/Citizenship people come to our meeting to tell how we can hold an event/workshop
        - Possibly invite them to the October meeting
  - Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ramsey Lewis 6-10 p.m. (Mt. Hebron Baptist Church)
    - Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> – possibly have a booth and/or distribute information; maybe sponsor a ride?
    - Henry Hammons will obtain more information
  - Start showing what activities we are participating in on the agenda
    - Senior Awareness Day – August 6
    - NAACP Back to School Fair – August 20
    - NAACP Banquet – September 17
    - Healthy Living – September 24
    - DFW AACC Banquet – September 24
      - Jennifer Nguyen will sponsor one table for CMC
    - Mosaic Festival – October 1
  - Sunbola asked that the calendar not be printed anymore; she will look at it online, and will coordinate with Cheryl

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**Announcements**

Hubert Hartin has prior commitments on the fourth Thursday of each month.  
Deo will not be at the August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.  
Priscilla Wilson will be at the August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Adjourn**

Motion made by Jennifer Nguyen, second by Sunbola to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

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

**Approved by Committee:** August 18, 2011

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