



**COMMUNITY MULTICULTURAL COMMISSION (CMC)
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD
THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2011**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jennifer Nguyen, Chair
Dassa Giles
Deo Sookdeo
Henry Hammons, II
Jennifer Najera Hague
Kaushalya Siriwardana
Martha Melaku
Minerva Moreno

MEMBER ABSENT:

Sunbola Ashimi, Vice Chair
Chekeitha Gray
Hubert Hartin
John Fleming

STAFF PRESENT:

Priscilla Wilson
Cheryl Ziriaux

GUESTS:

None

Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by Chair Jennifer Nguyen.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Minerva Moreno; second by Henry Hammons to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2011 meeting; approved unanimously.

Guest Comments:

None

Chair's Briefing:

Jennifer Nguyen shared that she attended the Garland Association for Hispanic Affairs (GAFHA) meeting on March 9, 2011. Dassa Giles and Minerva Moreno joined her and presented the CMC history and goals. Jennifer Nguyen expressed her appreciation to Sunbola for serving as interim Chair during her absences at the meetings while she was out of the country. Jennifer also shared that she spoke at the Asian Health Luncheon on Saturday, March 19, 2011. Minerva Moreno recommended inviting Kristyn Edney, Richland College (Richland Collegiate High School), to speak to us or go into the community and present the Richland Collegiate High School program. The program currently has room for 700, with only 300 enrolled this year.

Staff Briefing:

Priscilla gave out copies of the 2010-2011 CMC proposed and current budgets.

The DFW International Community Alliance calendar for March and April 2011 was given to the CMC. The Garland City Press calendar will be emailed by Cheryl when it is available. Priscilla shared that lunch dates for the 'Robert's Rules of Order' training will be included in the email when the City Press calendar is sent out.

Priscilla gave an update on information regarding the City's branding project and internet upgrade rollout. Since the website will be changed significantly in the near future, Priscilla advised that the committee update the webpage preferably all at one time.

Priscilla reminded the committee to submit reports to Cheryl Ziriaux no later than close of business on Monday prior to the meeting.

**COMMUNITY MULTICULTURAL COMMISSION (CMC)
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD
THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2011**

Cheryl Ziriak read the thank you card that Rosalinda Martinez sent to the committee for the recognition certificate and gift card for her years of service as secretary.

Priscilla reminded the committee the 'Topic of the Month' article was an item that needed to be discussed.

Committee Reports/Discussion:

Jennifer Nguyen shared that sending the reports early helps to speed things along in the meetings.

Subcommittees were discussed and the committee has rearranged the subcommittees to be in alignment with the goals. The subcommittees and assignments are currently as follows:

SUBCOMMITTEES	
Revised:	Former:
Communicating, Learning, Understanding & Educating (CLUE)	Communicating, Learning, Educating & Understanding (CLUE)
Community Services	Health and Community Services Economic Opportunities
Multicultural Affairs	Events Transportation and Mobility Public Safety

SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS	
Communicating, Learning, Understanding & Educating (CLUE):	
Martha Melaku - Chair	Henry Hammons, II
Dassa Giles	Kaushalya Siriwardana
Deo Sookdeo	Minerva Moreno
Web-site:	
Dassa Giles - Chair	
Jennifer Najera Hague	
Henry Hammons, II	
Community Services:	
Kaushalya Siriwardana - Chair	Deo Sookdeo
Dassa Giles	Minerva Moreno
Multicultural Affairs:	
Sunbola Ashimi - Chair (Jennifer Nguyen will ask)	
Minerva Moreno (volunteered if Sunbola declines)	
Jennifer Najera Hague	
Kaushalya Siriwardana	
Martha Melaku	
Adhoc Committee - Bylaws:	
Dassa Giles - Chair	Martha Melaku

**COMMUNITY MULTICULTURAL COMMISSION (CMC)
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD
THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2011**

Committee Reports/Discussion: (continued)

Ad hoc Committee

- No report

Communication, Learning, Understanding & Education (CLUE)

- CMC Brochure
- Website – report handed out

Current Affairs

- No report

Economic Opportunities

- No report

Events

- **Go and Be Project (Code Cares) – April 30**
 - No report
- **Mosaic Festival**
 - 1st week of October (Priscilla will double check dates)
 - Hollabaugh Recreation Center availability

Health & Community Services:

- **CMC Topic of the Month/Newspaper Column:**
 - Focus more on ethnicity
 - Assigned to the CLUE Subcommittee for direction
 - Suggested changing article every 1-3 months

2011 CMC Outreach and Goals:

- **Events:**
 - Go and Be Project (Code Cares) – April 30
 - Mosaic Festival – 1st week of October (date to be verified)
- **Partner:**
 - NAACP – Back to School project
 - Urban League – Back to School project
 - Baylor – Immunizations/Health Clinics/Men & Women's events
 - "Going Green" (Shelly)
 - City Events/Departments – planned events
 - GISD
 - GAFHA
- **Goals:**
 - Partner with above organizations
 - Communications
 - Website
 - Brochure
- **Overall focus to the following areas:**
 - 1) Health
 - 2) Education
 - 3) Community Service

**COMMUNITY MULTICULTURAL COMMISSION (CMC)
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD
THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2011**

Budget Proposed

The Garland Police Awards Banquet will be held Saturday, April 2nd at 7 p.m. at the Hyatt Place in Garland. The tickets are \$30 each; Kausha Siriwardana will be able to attend. Motion made by Martha Melaku, second by Deo Sookdeo to purchase one ticket to attend the Garland Police Awards Banquet; approved. Motion made by Dassa Giles, second by Deo Sookdeo to accept the proposed 2010-2011 Budget; approved.

CMC Meeting Dates and Future Agenda Items

The next meeting will be April 21, 2011 at 6:00 pm; pictures will be taken for the CMC website. The Go and Be Project (Code Cares) is on Saturday, April 30, 2011. The agenda, going forward, will reflect the newly revised subcommittees.

Announcements

Jennifer Nguyen shared several community events. Jennifer Hague shared Rowlett is having their Diverisity Day on Saturday, April 2nd and Richardson is having a Library Teen Cultural Day. Kausha Siriwardana shared that Night of Nations will be June 24, 2011.

Adjourn

Motion made by Martha Melaku to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m.; second by Jennifer Nguyen; approved unanimously.

Submitted by: Cheryl Ziriak, CMC Secretary

Approved by Committee: April 21, 2011

Approved by: Jennifer Nguyen, CMC Chair