



GARLAND

COMMUNITY MULTICULTURAL COMMISSION (CMC) MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jennifer Nguyen, Chair
Martha Melaku, Vice-Chair
Chekeitha Gray
Dassa Giles
Deo Sookdeo
Dorothy Brooks
Hubert Hartin
Kaushalya Siriwardana
Minerva Moreno
Ricardo Rocha
Susie Rutherford

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Henry Hammons, II

STAFF PRESENT:

Priscilla Wilson
Rosie Perez

GUESTS:

None

Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Chair Jennifer Nguyen.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Martha; second by Dorothy to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2012 meeting; approved unanimously.

Guest Comments:

None.

Chair's Briefing:

Jennifer has attended numerous events since our January meeting. The Chair's Briefing was sent via email to all board members prior to the meeting and copies were distributed to all members during the meeting.

Jennifer briefly discussed the CMC's participation in the We The People (WTP) Conference 2012. The WTP Conference, previously scheduled for November 3rd, will now take place on Saturday, September 22nd in conjunction with the Healthy Living Expo (HLE). Main ideas that will be covered during the WTP event are education, senior citizens outreach and naturalization. She stressed the importance of each member's participation and asked that each member join at least one subcommittee. All efforts should be focused on the WTP Conference. Subcommittees will meet and correspond via email. The WTP Conference presentation will be delivered to City Council on Monday, March 5th at 6:00 p.m. Attendance from all CMC members is strongly encouraged.

Any contacts from faith and business organizations should be sent to staff. Save the date invitations will be sent to all contacts so, it is extremely important to reach out to as many as possible.

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Chekeitha submitted her letter of resignation to Councilman John Willis. Jennifer presented a plaque and certificate to Chekeitha in appreciation of all her hard work throughout the last three years of service with the CMC. Chekeitha was honored and said she would continue to volunteer her time.

Staff Briefing:

Monday, March 5th is the date we plan to roll out the WTP Conference presentation to the City Council. This will mark the CMC's 10th year anniversary and the presentation will center on that. Priscilla would like to see every member there, if their schedule permits, to show support. The presentation will take place in the Work Session room on March 5, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Priscilla also stressed the importance of submitting any contact information to staff. Save the date cards/invitations as well as the letter of introduction, created by Martha, will be sent to all contacts. The HLE has a marketing team in place and the fact that we (CMC) will be able to market with them will help us tremendously.

Committee Reports/Discussion:

Ad hoc Committee

- No Report.

Communication, Learning, Understanding & Education (CLUE)

- No Report.

Community Services

- Kausha will have a report for the next scheduled meeting.

Multicultural Affairs

- **Event Updates**

- We The People Conference – **September 22, 2012**
 - Beth Dattomo provided a brief update about the upcoming conference. The committee decided that three core topics would be presented at the conference: Education, Senior Services, and the Naturalization Ceremony. In addition to those topics, the Mosaic Festival will be held at the conclusion of the breakout sessions. The event will begin with a Leadership Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and concurrent sessions will run from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., the Naturalization Ceremony will be held from 12:00 p.m.- 1:00 p.m., the Mosaic Festival will be held after that and the event will conclude at 3:00 p.m. All CMC members were asked to serve on at least one of the subcommittees. The core committee will continue to meet on a regular basis and inform each of the CMC members when their subcommittees will meet.
 - Subcommittees will include Marketing, Performances/Mosaic, Education, Senior Awareness, and Naturalization. Every CMC member is assigned to at least one subcommittee as follows:

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- Marketing: Jennifer and Martha
- Performances/Mosaic: Minerva and Kausha
- Education: Deo and Kausha
- Senior Awareness: Susie and Hubert
- Naturalization: Dorothy, Ricardo and Dassa

- **Review Calendar of Events**

- Motion made by Dassa; second by Hubert to forego the March 22nd meeting in an effort to focus on the WTP Conference subcommittee meetings; approved unanimously.
- WTP Conference Steering Committee will meet monthly.
- Subcommittee meetings will take place via email.
- Submit contacts to staff.

CMC Meeting Dates and Future Agenda Items

- **CMC Meeting – April 19, 2012**
- **CMC Meeting – May 17, 2012**
- **CMC Meeting – June 21, 2012**

Announcements

Dorothy Brooks presented a Black History Month presentation. She created an informative video that will be sent to Rosie to be distributed to all CMC members.

Adjourn

Motion made by Hubert; second by Dorothy to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Minutes approved by the CMC on April _____, 2012.

Submitted by:

Rosie Perez
Interim CMC Secretary

Jennifer Nguyen
CMC Chair