

COMMUNITY MULTICULTURAL COMMISSION (CMC) MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: <u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>: <u>STAFF PRESENT</u>:

Jennifer Nguyen, Chair Dassa Giles Priscilla Wilson

Martha Melaku, Vice-Chair Cheryl Ziriax

Deo Sookdeo Dorothy Brooks Henry Hammons, II

Hubert Hartin <u>GUESTS</u>:

Kaushalya Siriwardana Beth Dattomo

Minerva Moreno Manjula Shrivastava

Monica Reyes Ricardo Rocha

Susie Rutherford

Call To Order:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Henry; second by Deo to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2012 meeting; approved unanimously.

Guest Comments:

Manjula 'Manju' Shrivastava was in attendance. She again expressed her desire to help the CMC.

Chair's Briefing:

Jennifer shared the program booklet from the June 2nd Philippine Republic Day Celebration (PRDC) Gala. Mayor Ronald E. Jones was featured in the program booklet, but was unable to be in attendance. Jennifer and Monica were able to attend the banquet. They spoke to those in attendance regarding the We The People Conference (WTPC) in September 2012 and shared the City Press and CMC brochures.

Jennifer encouraged all the CMC members to join a WTPC subcommittee if they have not already done so.

Staff Briefing:

Priscilla indicated the WTPC planning is going well with the committee chairs and would like the CMC members to take a leadership role. She also encouraged anyone not a part of a subcommittee to join one.

The NAACP Back to School Fair will be held Saturday, August 25th and they are asking us to partner with them again this year. More discussion will take place during the appropriate agenda time.

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The Senior Awareness Day 2012 will be held at The Granville Arts Center - Atrium on Saturday, August 4th from 9 a.m. – noon. We will partner with the committee at this event. Make plans to be available to help.

The Run Off Election for District 2, between Eric Redish and Anita Goebel, will be held Saturday, June 23rd.

The tablecloth covering samples were shown to the members and we will proceed with the order for the heavier weight material. The cost is approximately \$290 plus shipping.

Committee Reports/Discussion:

Ad hoc Committee

No Report.

Communication, Learning, Understanding & Education (CLUE)

No Report.

Community Services

No Report.

Multicultural Affairs

- Event Updates
 - We The People Conference September 22, 2012
 - Minerva reported the committee chairs have been very diligent in their committees and are on track to have a successful conference.
 - The Marketing subcommittee has the final draft of the sponsorship brochure, save the date cards, letter, and posters. A flyer will be put together to send with the utility bills along with the Healthy Living Expo flyer.
 - Save the date cards are \$195 for 2,000. The order should arrive in approximately a week.
 - A soft copy of the sponsorship letter and brochure will be emailed to the CMC members.
 - The subcommittees have submitted their budget estimates and it comes to \$10,000. Token gifts will be given to the speakers and performers.
 - Motion made by Henry; second by Hubert to empower Jennifer Nguyen and Priscilla Wilson to spend up to the budget amount as they deem necessary for the WTPC; approved unanimously.
 - Jennifer recognized Beth Dattomo, Priscilla Wilson, and Cheryl Lowdermilk for their hard work on the brochures and marketing materials.
 - Auditions for performers are scheduled for Saturday, July 14th at the Plaza Theatre. Those interested should contact Debbie McAnally to set a time.
 - Jennifer would like to meet with Ricardo and Council Person Lori Dodson to tour District 6 to meet with possible sponsors. Deadline for sponsors to be mentioned in publications is July 2nd.

Review Calendar of Events

o Dates of the upcoming meetings were mentioned as well as:

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- Senior Awareness Day August 4, 2012
 - Has not contacted us yet regarding our participation.
- NAACP Back to School Fair August 25, 2012
 - Partnered with the Seventh-day Adventist church last year to help with clothing (collection, set-up, distribution) and would recommend participating the same way this year. Remember to wear your CMC shirt and badge when attending and/or helping with this event.

CMC Meeting Dates and Future Agenda Items

- Senior Awareness Day August 4, 2012
- CMC Meeting August 16, 2012
- NAACP Back to School Fair August 25, 2012
- Hispanic Heritage Banquet September 8, 2012
- DFW AACC Annual Banquet September 15, 2012
- CMC Meeting September 20, 2012
- We The People Conference/Healthy Living Expo September 22, 2012

Announcements

Henry announced he is a grandpa for the second time. Congratulations Henry.

CMC should consider having a professional photo taken as a group to have available for the WTPC. The council has a professional photographer take their pictures, so we should be able to coordinate with them. They will have their pictures taken Tuesday, July 17th. CMC members should wear business clothes for the pictures. Since our monthly meeting takes place the same week, the committee agreed to move the regular monthly meeting to Tuesday, July 17th at 6:00 p.m. in the HR Conference Room. Jennifer will order dinner and have it brought in.

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Motion made by Minerva; second by Hubert to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Submitted by: Cheryl Ziriax, CMC Secretary

Approved by Committee: July 17, 2012

Approved by: Jennifer Nguyen, CMC Chair