

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

Jennifer Nguyen, Chair Dassa Giles Priscilla Wilson Martha Melaku, Vice-Chair Dorothy Brooks Cheryl Ziriax

Deo Sookdeo Kaushalya Siriwardana

Henry Hammons, II Minerva Moreno

Hubert Hartin

Monica Reyes

Ricardo Rocha

GUESTS:

Beth Dattomo

Susie Rutherford

Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Jennifer Nguyen. (The meeting started late due to the group photograph that was taken.)

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Henry; second by Martha to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2012 meeting; approved unanimously.

Guest Comments:

None.

Chair's Briefing:

Jennifer thanked everyone in attendance for wearing business clothes and arriving in a timely manner to have the group picture taken by the photographer.

Jennifer and Mayor Ronald E. Jones attended the South Vietnamese Heroes Monument Foundation event on July 7, 2012 at the DFW Hyatt Regency. Council Member Rick Williams and Council Member B.J. Williams were also in attendance.

Hong Kong Supermarket met with Jennifer, Priscilla, and Mayor Ronald E. Jones for lunch at Tasty China on July 6, 2012. Hong Kong Supermarket is a major sponsor for the "We The People" Conference. They have invited the CMC members to visit/tour their Grand Prairie facility.

Tarrant County Commissioner Andy Nguyen will be coming to Garland City Hall on Friday, July 27, 2012 to visit with Jennifer to discuss CMC. He would like to duplicate the CMC in his district.

Staff Briefing:

A walk-through will take place at the Curtis Culwell Center (Special Events Center) on Thursday, July 26, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. to give everyone an opportunity to tour the facility and see where the different events will take place during the "We The People" Conference.

Utility Stuffers will be mailed with the August billing for the "We The People" Conference and Healthy Living Expo. Take the opportunity to speak with your neighbors and promote the event.

It's estimated that a total of \$10,000 would be needed to cover the cost of the various services, activities, event items, etc. needed for the "We The People" Conference. The Leadership Breakfast is one of the largest expenses; estimate approximately \$4,500. With the sponsorships that have come in, we still need approximately \$6,500.

Priscilla will go into the community next week to ask for their assistance; names and addresses of possible sponsors would be appreciated. Either donations or costs of items covered would be appreciated. We will still need programs printed for the event.

Committee Reports/Discussion:

Ad hoc Committee

No Report.

Communication, Learning, Understanding & Education (CLUE)

No Report.

Community Services

No Report.

Multicultural Affairs

- Event Updates
 - o "We The People" Conference **September 22, 2012** (report from Beth)
 - Marketing Subcommittee
 - Fliers and Save the Date cards have been completed.
 - Large Banner will be displayed at Firewheel Town Center for 6 weeks prior to event.
 - Event is on the CMC page on the City's website.
 - Sponsorship Letters/Brochures have been mailed additional packets are available for pickup.
 - A sponsor has been secured for 300 bags as well as 300 water bottles (to be placed inside the bags).
 - \$3,500 has been received to date in sponsorship.
 - Polo shirts/t-shirts will be made with the conference logo for all staff and committee members (provide Cheryl with your size).
 - Leadership Breakfast Subcommittee
 - In the process of narrowing down their list to 175.
 - Invitations will be mailed out the beginning of August.
 - Giveaway item will be a coaster with the conference logo for all attendees.
 - A pen in a wooden box set will be given to the speakers.
 - A 2-3 minute video is being compiled to be shown during the Leadership Breakfast.
 - Senior Services Subcommittee
 - Focus will be on Social Security, career transition, theft and safety, caretakers, and family transition.
 - Exhibitors and vendors will be focused on these topics.

- Naturalization Ceremony Subcommittee
 - Confirmed 35-40 citizens being naturalized.
 - A pen in a box set will be given to each newly naturalized citizen along with a copy of the Declaration of Independence.
- Education Subcommittee
 - Will have one session of information with GISD staff.
 - Will have information tables inside the conference center and one at the Healthy Living Expo.
- Mosaic Festival Subcommittee
 - City and GISD are still working together to finalize all of the acts for the day.
 - Still reviewing audition tapes and performances.
- Steering Committee
 - Putting together a timeline for activities/tasks to complete prior to September 22, 2012.

Review Calendar of Events

- o Dates of the upcoming meetings were mentioned as well as:
 - Senior Awareness Day August 4, 2012
 - Craig Blum from Angie Chen Button's office delivered 350 fliers to Jennifer for the Senior Awareness Day. The flier will be emailed to the CMC members.
 - Craig Blum will come up with the agenda and will send it to us.
 CMC is to be on the agenda.
 - We need to have cards, posters, etc. at the event to promote the "We The People" Conference.
 - The following is the schedule for CMC members to be at the event (Jennifer will try to arrange the media to take a group photo about 11:00 a.m.):
 - 9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.: Deo, Hubert, Jennifer, Minerva, Kausha
 - o 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.: Monica, Susie
 - o 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.: Henry, Ricardo, Martha

NAACP Back to School Fair – August 25, 2012

- Carol Blake is coordinating the event again this year. Elsie with the Seventh-day Adventist Church is happy to have us help with the clothing sorting on Friday, August 24, 2012; and the distribution on Saturday, August 25, 2012. Collection of clothing, shoes, plastic bags, and hangers are greatly appreciated.
- The following is the schedule for CMC members to be at the event:
 - o Friday, August 24: Susie
 - Saturday, August 25:
 - 9:00 a.m. noon: Jennifer
 - 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.: Monica, Susie, Hubert
 - 10:30 a.m. noon: Deo, Martha, Kausha

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
- NAACP Freedom Fund Brunch September 15, 2012
- DFW AACC Annual Banquet September 15, 2012
- CMC Meeting September 20, 2012
- We The People Conference/Healthy Living Expo September 22, 2012
- CMC Meeting October 18, 2012
- Neighborhood Summit October 27, 2012

Announcements

A Labor Day Parade will be held in Garland on Monday, September 3, 2012 beginning at 9:00 a.m. The parade will begin at 5th Street & Walnut Street and will end at Central Park (Avenue F) where other activities (Car Show, Market in the Park, Kids Corner, and Entertainment) will continue until 5:00 p.m.

Garland Chamber of Commerce will be having their monthly luncheon sponsored by Frost Bank on July 30, 2012 at the Granville Arts Center Atrium. They have generously given us a few minutes to promote the "We The People" Conference as well as permission to distribute the Save the Date cards. Those able to be in attendance, let Cheryl know so she can register you for the luncheon as there is a fee to attend.

The Annual Ethiopian Soccer Tournament was held July 7, 2012; Mayor Ronald E. Jones and his wife Peggy were in attendance.

Adjourn

Motion made by Martha; second by Hubert to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Cheryl Ziriax, CMC Secretary

Approved by Committee: August 16, 2012

Approved by: Jennifer Nguyen, CMC Chair