



# GARLAND

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

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jennifer Nguyen, Chair  
Dassa Giles  
Deo Sookdeo  
Dorothy Brooks  
Hubert Hartin  
Janet L. Bridges  
Minerva Moreno  
Monica Reyes  
Ricardo Rocha  
Susie Rutherford

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Martha Melaku, Vice-Chair  
Henry Hammons, II  
Kaushalya Siriwardana

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Beth Dattomo  
Cheryl Ziriach

### **GUESTS:**

Manjula Shrivastava

### **Call To Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Chair Jennifer Nguyen.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

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

### **Guest Comments:**

Manjula Shrivastava wants to continue to learn more about the CMC. She will be helping Annie Dickson on the Senior Services subcommittee for the "*We The People*" Conference (*WTPC*).

### **Chair's Briefing:**

Jennifer introduced Janet Bridges, our newest CMC member appointed by Councilperson B.J. Williams for District 4. Janet along with the other CMC members present shared a little about themselves.

Jennifer and Ricardo have spent the past few days distributing the *WTPC* posters and Save the Date cards. While distributing the information, Hiep Thai Food Store owners shared with Jennifer the information they received regarding their building code violations. Jennifer took the opportunity to connect them with their council person to help resolve the issues.

Jennifer thanked everyone for being in attendance at the August 4, 2012 Senior Awareness Day at The Atrium.

Jennifer and Minerva have been attending numerous *WTPC* subcommittee meetings. The *WTPC* date is fast approaching. Jennifer thanked the CMC members for their dedication.

### **Staff Briefing:**

In Priscilla's absence, Beth Dattomo reported the subcommittees are still meeting and progressing on the *WTPC* preparations. She encouraged the CMC members to keep meeting with their committees and to complete the tasks given to them. The *WTPC* banner has been

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hung at Firewheel Town Center and will stay through September 22, 2012. If you need additional Save the Date cards, please pick them up in HR from Cheryl Ziriaux.

The *WTPC* steering committee put together a calendar with deadlines notated of tasks that need to be completed. The subcommittee chairs were given the calendar so they are aware of the deadlines. City staff will support as they can. To help save on printing costs, the printing will be done in-house. Please notify Jennifer or Minerva if you are not being notified of your subcommittee meetings.

The City of Garland is participating in the aerial spraying for West Nile Virus. It is scheduled to begin at 9 p.m. this evening and continue until midnight, weather permitting.

**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** (report from Minerva)
  - Once the *WTPC* event is over, clean-up needs to be done quickly as another event is scheduled to take place afterwards.
  - Marketing Subcommittee
    - All Fliers and Save the Date cards have been completed.
    - Large banner is displayed at Firewheel Town Center promoting both *WTPC* and *Healthy Living Expo*.
    - Event is on the CMC page on the City's website and is updated as more information becomes available.
    - Leather coasters have been ordered as giveaways for the Leadership Breakfast and wooden pens for the speaker gifts.
    - Polo shirts/t-shirts will be made with the *WTPC* logo for all staff and committee members.
    - Signage is being designed and printed.
    - A site map is also being designed.
  - Leadership Breakfast Subcommittee
    - The committee has narrowed down their list and they will mail a letter invite to 260 potential attendees next week.
    - Students from GISD will lead the pledge during the breakfast and they will also make the centerpieces for the tables.
  - 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 and have all been confirmed.

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- Naturalization Ceremony Subcommittee
  - The naturalization ceremony will confirm 35-40 newly naturalized citizens.
  - A boxed pen 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
  - All acts have been finalized through this committee and a final list will be presented at the next steering committee meeting.
- **Review Calendar of Events**
  - Dates of the upcoming meetings were mentioned as well as:
    - **NAACP Back to School Fair – August 25, 2012**
      - The following is the schedule for CMC members to be at the event:
        - Friday, August 24: Susie, Deo, Hubert
        - Saturday, August 25:
          - 9:00 a.m. – noon: Jennifer, Dorothy, Dassa
          - 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.: Monica, Susie, Minerva
          - 10:30 a.m. – noon: Martha, Kausha
    - **CMC Meeting – October 18, 2012**
      - Motion made by Dassa; second by Susie to move the October meeting to Tuesday, October 30, 2012; approved unanimously. Jennifer will provide Chinese dinner.

**CMC Meeting Dates and Future Agenda Items:**

**Monthly Meetings**  
September 20, 2012  
October 30, 2012

**Upcoming Events**  
NAACP Back to School Fair – August 25, 2012  
Hispanic Heritage Banquet – September 8, 2012  
NAACP Freedom Fund Brunch – September 15, 2012  
DFW AACCC Annual Banquet – September 15, 2012  
We The People Conference/Healthy Living Expo –  
September 22, 2012  
Neighborhood Summit – October 27, 2012

**Announcements**

Jennifer was invited to an event on Saturday, August 18, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the Vietnamese American Community Center; 3221 Beltline Road in Garland. The CMC members were also invited to attend. Dassa and Minerva will be able to attend.

A Labor Day Parade will be held on Monday, September 3, 2012 in Garland beginning at 9 a.m.

A neighborhood block party will take place on the square on Saturday, September 8, 2012 from noon – 3:00 p.m.

Jennifer will purchase seats at the Hispanic Heritage Banquet as well as the NAACP Freedom Fund Brunch for CMC members that are willing and able to attend (up to 1 table). Sign-up with Cheryl.

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The CMC members chose the softer, cotton fabric for the *WTPC* polo/t-shirts by a show of hands.

**Adjourn**

Motion made by Dassa; second by Minerva to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

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

**Approved by Committee:** September 20, 2012

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