



GARLAND

COMMUNITY MULTICULTURAL COMMISSION (CMC) MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jennifer Nguyen, Chair
Martha Melaku, Vice-Chair
Dassa Giles
Deo Sookdeo
Henry Hammons, II
Hubert Hartin
Minerva Moreno
Ricardo Rocha
Susie Rutherford

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dorothy Brooks
Janet L. Bridges
Kaushalya Siriwardana
Monica Reyes

STAFF PRESENT:

Priscilla Wilson
Cheryl Ziriak
Beth Dattomo

GUESTS:

Pat Greer

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 Henry to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2012 meeting; approved unanimously.

Guest Comments:

Pat Greer is visiting us this evening. She would like to attend the “*We The People*” Conference (*WTPC*) on Saturday, but needs transportation to the event. DART is not providing service to the Curtis Culwell Center location that day. Transportation arrangements were made with Ms. Greer after the meeting.

Chair’s Briefing:

Jennifer has attended numerous *WTPC* subcommittee meetings as well as other functions. The *WTPC* is this Saturday, September 22nd. Jennifer thanked the City of Garland staff that has helped with the *WTPC* preparations, as well as Priscilla and her staff. Jennifer is looking forward to the *WTPC* event. Everyone is to wear black trousers and the gray *WTPC* polo shirts.

Staff Briefing:

Priscilla shared that setup for the *WTPC* event will begin at 6:30 a.m. with the Leadership Breakfast buffet beginning at 7:30 a.m. and the program beginning at 8:00 a.m. CMC members signed up for the breakfast. The CMC table at the Healthy Living Expo (HLE) will need to be manned from 9 a.m. – noon. We need to direct HLE attendees to the *WTPC* event area to receive one *WTPC* bag per family. Transportation will be available between the two events for those who need to use it.

Committee Reports/Discussion:

Ad hoc Committee

- No report.

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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)
 - Has been advertised in a variety of ways.
 - Will be recorded.
 - Will have some great giveaways.
- **Review Calendar of Events**
 - **CMC Meeting – Tuesday, October 30, 2012**
 - Jennifer will provide Chinese dinner.

CMC Meeting Dates and Future Agenda Items:

Monthly Meetings

October 30, 2012

November 15, 2012

Upcoming Events

We The People Conference/Healthy Living Expo –

September 22, 2012

Neighborhood Summit – October 27, 2012

Announcements

Dassa’s 20 year old nephew was sworn in today into the US Air Force in South Carolina.

Ricardo’s contact in the Spanish Media (ESPN) announced the *WTPC* at the end of a program today and will announce it again tomorrow. Jennifer has the *WTPC* playing on TV 55.5 five to six times a day. Thank you to Beth for helping with the *WTPC*.

Adjourn

Motion made by Minerva; second by Martha to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Submitted by: Cheryl Ziriak, CMC Secretary

Approved by Committee: October 30, 2012

Approved by: Jennifer Nguyen, CMC Chair Chair