



GARLAND

COMMUNITY MULTICULTURAL COMMISSION (CMC) MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jennifer Nguyen, Chair
Martha Melaku, Vice-Chair
Deo Sookdeo
Dorothy Brooks
Hubert Hartin
Janet L. Bridges
Kaushalya Siriwardana
Ricardo Rocha
Susie Rutherford

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Minerva Moreno

GUESTS/CITIZENS:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Beth Dattomo
Cheryl Ziriak

Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by Chair Jennifer Nguyen.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Susie; second by Deo to approve the April 18, 2013 meeting minutes; approved unanimously.

Citizen Comments:

None.

Chairs Briefing:

Jennifer attended the Asian American Breast Cancer Society 10 year celebration on April 20th. They have saved 45 lives with early detection.

Jennifer visited the UT Dallas Campus on April 23rd. A new building was completed in August 2012 and was named "Asia Center". CMC is welcome to visit the new facility.

April 24th Jennifer met with Kim Wells, The Heroes of Vietnam War Memorial Foundation (HVNWF) contact, and the marketing committee in the Mayor's Boardroom. Thank you to the Mayor and Beth Dattomo for coordinating the meeting.

The Garland Police department, the Mayor, Jennifer, and the owners of Saigon Mall met on location May 1st and viewed the current floor plan and noted the updates.

Warren Bird with Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Development (PRCAD) asked Jennifer the best way to promote PRCAD. They met on May 2nd and will be on VietFaceTV 20 minutes per month.

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Officer Joe Harn was at VietFaceTV on May 13th for the regular monthly talk show. On May 14th the Annual Police Memorial Program took place and Jennifer was able to have the media present and put together a 12 minute program.

Jennifer emailed congratulations to the newly elected Mayor and City Council members on behalf of the CMC.

Jennifer announced Henry Hammons' resignation. We will get him a token of appreciation.

Staff Briefing:

Priscilla was unable to attend due to jury duty and sent her regrets with Beth Dattomo.

City Services from the HVNWF July 14 event at CCC were approved and a letter has been drafted and will be sent from the Mayor's office.

The new Mayor and City Council will be sworn in on Tuesday, May 21st at 7 p.m. CMC members are welcome to attend.

The Healthy Living Expo would like CMC members to be volunteers this year. It will take place on September 21st at the Curtis Culwell Center. More information will be available later.

Committee Reports and Discussion

- **Ad hoc Committee**
 - No report.
- **Communication, Learning, Understanding & Education (CLUE)**
 - No report.
- **Community Services**
 - No report.
- **Multicultural Affairs**
 - Event Updates
 - Mosaic Festival – Saturday, May 25, 2013; 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 - Minerva and Ricardo have been working hard. It looks like there are plenty of performers. (Jennifer would really like to have more performers just in case some are unable to attend at the last minute.)
 - There are not a lot of vendors. GISD will have a make-it and take-it art booth.
 - Hiep Thai Plaza has great foot traffic on the weekends.
 - The flags and rope are ready.
 - The media loungers just need the thank you tags tied to them. The flashlights will arrive Friday.
 - Hiep Thai Plaza placed the Mosaic Festival information with all of the newspapers.
 - Ricardo has a contact at ESPN and he will mention it for us on his program.
 - CMC members should arrive between 8 and 9 a.m. and wear the blue CMC shirts with black pants.
 - CMC booth will be covered by Susie (8 a.m. – 10 a.m.); Deo (10 a.m. – 12 p.m.); and Kausha volunteers (12 p.m. – 2 p.m.).

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- If there is inclement weather, the Mosaic Festival will be cancelled.
 - Hiep Thai Plaza will provide food and drinks for the performers. They have a room set aside for this. It was suggested to have a volunteer at the door to control access. Notify performers at the stage and provide their thank you gift.
 - The budget was provided – COG will invoice Hiep Thai Plaza for the stage and sound system.
- Calendar of Community Events
 - Recommendations: No report.

CMC Monthly Meeting Dates:

June 20, 2013 at 232 Carver; Building #2 in Garland

July 18, 2013 at 232 Carver; Building #2 in Garland

August 15, 2013 at 232 Carver; Building #2 in Garland

Future Events:

Dorothy provided a Juneteenth Celebration flier from Church in the City in Rowlett. The celebration will take place on June 14th and 15th.

Future Agenda Items:

None.

Adjourn

Motion made by Hubert; second by Martha to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Submitted by: Cheryl Ziriaux, CMC Secretary

Approved by Committee: June 20, 2013

Approved by: Jennifer Nguyen, CMC Chair