



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
COMMUNITY MULTICULTURAL COMMISSION (CMC)
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2008**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jerry Apodaca
Sunbola Ashimi
John S. Fleming
Dassa Giles
Hubert Hartin, Vice-Chair
Koni Kaiwi, Chair
Jaime Ornelas
Kaushalya Siriwardana

STAFF:

Priscilla Wilson, Staff Liaison
Rosalinda Martinez, CMC Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Joe Garcia
Jennifer Nguyen

GUEST:

Irene Hartin

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m. by Chairperson Koni Kaiwi.

Approval of Minutes

Sunbola Ashimi motioned to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2008 meeting; seconded by Hubert Hartin; approved unanimously.

Guest Comments

Irene Hartin was introduced by her husband, Hubert Hartin. Mrs. Hartin did not have any comments.

Chair's Briefing

Chair Koni Kaiwi stated that she was absent at the October meeting because her husband had surgery. Koni stated she attended the UNIDOS meeting at the Garland Police Department. Koni invited everyone to attend the December 6th Asian Festival at the Saigon Mall and asked the CMC if they would like to have a table at the event. Koni reminded everyone about the City of Garland "Envision Garland" workshop on December 6th at Bradfield Elementary School. Koni stated that Dorothy Brooks had submitted her resignation from the CMC on November 17, 2008.

Staff Briefing

Priscilla Wilson provided information and handouts about the Christmas on the Square event and the Envision Garland workshop. Priscilla asked the CMC to decide if they wanted to have a December meeting. Priscilla reminded the CMC that the January 2009 MLK parade would be on Saturday, January 17, 2009.

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Staff Briefing (continued)

Dassa Giles made a motion that the CMC participate in the MLK parade in January; seconded by Jaime Ornelas; approved unanimously. The CMC discussed and agreed that this event will go to the Events Committee. Dassa Giles will chair this event with the assistance from John Fleming, Jerry Apodaca, Kaushalya Siriwardana and Jaime Ornelas. Jerry Apodaca stated that he will contact Chevrolet or Ford to discuss the possibility of a loan vehicle for this event.

Dassa Giles made a motion to not have a December meeting due to the holiday; motion seconded by Jerry Apodaca; approved unanimously.

Election of Officers

Dassa Giles announced the slate for the election of officers and asked the CMC members to state their vote and the CMC Secretary Rosalinda Martinez would tally the votes. The slate presented was as follows:

<i>Office of Chair:</i>	<i>Koni Ramos Kaiwi Jaime Ornelas</i>
<i>Office of Vice Chair:</i>	<i>Sunbola S. Ashimi Hubert Hartin</i>

After the CMC members that were present cast their votes for the Office of Vice Chair, the CMC secretary stated that Sunbola Ashimi received 3 votes and Hubert Hartin received 5 votes. Dassa announced that Hubert Hartin received the most votes and will fill the Office of Vice Chair.

After the CMC members that were present cast their votes for the Office of Chairperson, the CMC secretary stated that Koni Kaiwi received 4 votes and Jaime Ornelas also received 4 votes. Dassa asked the CMC members to recast their vote to see if a winner could be declared because both Koni and Jaime received the same amount of votes. At this time, both Koni and Jaime gave a brief speech on why they wanted to be elected. The CMC members cast their votes a second time and the CMC secretary announced that Koni Kaiwi received 4 votes and Jaime Ornelas received 4 votes. The CMC discussed this tie of votes for Koni and Jaime. Jerry Apodaca made a motion to postpone and conduct the election until the January 2009 meeting; motion seconded by Jaime Ornelas; approved unanimously.

Priscilla Wilson and Koni Kaiwi will follow-up with the Mayor and Council Member Larry Jeffus (D4) regarding the vacant seats on the CMC.

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Strategic Plan

Sunbola Ashimi stated that she is working on a spreadsheet of the items that have been accomplished to date and will e-mail it to the members. After discussion, John Fleming made a motion to close out the 2007 Strategic Plan and that the CMC continue to work on the items that were selected previously as guiding objectives of what the CMC hopes to accomplish; and that Sunbola Ashimi and Dassa Giles will prepare a report of the CMC's accomplishments; motion seconded by Dassa Giles; approved unanimously.

Adjourn

John Fleming motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.; seconded by Sunbola Ashimi; approved unanimously.

Submitted by: Rosalinda Martinez, CMC Secretary

Approved by Committee: January 15, 2009

Approved by: Koni Ramos Kaiwi, CMC Chair