

GARLAND
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
COMMUNITY MULTICULTURAL COMMISSION (CMC)
THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jerry Apodaca
Sunbola Ashimi
Joe L. Garcia
Dassa Giles
Koni Kaiwi
Virginia McClary
Jaime Ornelas
Adriana Sanchez Liberto

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dorothy Brooks
Hubert Hartin
Jennifer Nguyen
Diana O'Hearn
Clay Womack

STAFF

Priscilla Wilson, Staff Liaison
Rosalinda Martinez, CMC Secretary

GUESTS

None

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by Chair Koni Ramos Kaiwi.

Approval of Minutes

Joe Garcia motioned to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2007 meeting; seconded by Adriana Sanchez Liberto; approved unanimously.

Citizen/Guest Comments

None

Recognition of Volunteers

None

Chair's Briefing

Koni Ramos Kaiwi stated she attended the following events:

Dec 2, 2007	G.P.D./Dallas Harley Davidson Chapter "Motor Cops for Kids" fundraiser. Gifts to be donated to children through Friendship House and Good Samaritans.
Dec 13, 2007	Asian American Christmas Party hosted by Jennifer Nguyen.
Dec 15, 2007	Participated with community organization in providing dinners to 75 families.
Jan. 8, 2008	Attended monthly UNIDOS meeting at the Garland Police Department.

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Staff's Briefing

Priscilla Wilson announced that there was job vacancy for a fair housing investigator. Bilingual preferred but not required.

Priscilla reminded the CMC that City Secretary Mary Kayser is available to provide open records training.

Priscilla stated she spoke to Dorothy White, Public Relations Manager regarding developing the city web page for the CMC.

Committee Reports

Recognition

Dassa Giles on behalf of the Nominating committee for volunteer recognition provided a status report. Dassa motioned to accept all nominations received at the November CMC meeting and to remove Virginia McClary and Jaime Ornelas from nominations as they are seated members of the CMC board; seconded by Jaime Ornelas. The committee agreed to have the February meeting at a local restaurant and invite the volunteers that would be recognized.

Mosaic

Adriana Sanchez Liberto told the CMC members that she received a call from Bonnie Patrick, Community Relations, City of Garland regarding the 2008 SS4th event. This year the budget was cut and the event will only be held one day out at Firewheel Town Center (FTC) Mall. Adriana went to FTC to look at space where the Mosaic event might be held and it would be outside and very hot in July. Adriana is considering having the event in December so it can take place at the Plaza Theater.

Unfinished Business

Koni Ramos Kaiwi distributed the Committee appointment sign-up list along with Committee descriptions. Koni asked the CMC members to sign up for the committees that they wanted to work on.

Koni asked the CMC members to review the 2007 Work Plan and to please pick some items that can be sent to these committees.

Koni stated that she provided the Challenge Day Program information to her school counselor.

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Announcements

Adriana will loan her vehicle for the CMC to use in Saturday's MLK parade. Virginia, Adriana, Jerry, Michael Apodaca, Dassa and Koni plan to attend and participate in the parade.

Joe Garcia will be attending but will be part of a different group that will participate in the parade.

Sunbola Ashimi has a prior commitment and will not be able to attend the parade.

Jaime Ornelas motioned to begin all future CMC meetings at 6:00pm instead of 6:30pm beginning in February; seconded by Joe Garcia; vote taken (7 ayes; 1 nay).

Adriana Sanchez Liberto motioned to have the March meeting on March 13th instead of March 20th; seconded by Jerry Apodaca.

Adjourn

Jerry Apodaca motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.; seconded by Adriana Sanchez Liberto; approved unanimously.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Rosalinda Martinez
CMC Secretary

Koni Ramos Kaiwi
CMC Chair

Date

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