


MINUTES OF THE MEETING
COMMUNITY MULTICULTURAL COMMISSION (CMC)
THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jennifer Nguyen
Dassa Giles
Chekeitha Gray
Jennifer Najera Hague
Hubert Hartin
Kaushalya Siriwardana
Deo Sookdeo

GUESTS

Fran Brown
Jeannie Henderson
Marie Mendez

MEMBER ABSENT:

Jerry Apodaca
Sunbola Ashimi
John Fleming
Jaime Ornelas
Martha Melaku

STAFF PRESENT:

Lilly Clarke
Rosalinda Martinez
Angela Calvin

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. by Chairperson Jennifer Nguyen.

Approval of Minutes

Dassa Giles motioned to approve the December 10, 2009 and February 18, 2010 meeting minutes; second by Deo Sookdeo, approved unanimously.

Guest Comments

None.

Chair's Briefing

Per Chairperson Jennifer Nguyen, she and Martha Melaku attended the Garland NAACP event on Friday, February 19 at the Doubletree Hotel in Richardson. On Saturday, February 20th, Jennifer attended the Organization of the Chinese American Lunar New Year Celebration at Maxim Restaurant with Mayor Ronald Jones and his wife, Peggy. Jennifer also attended a second banquet that evening held by the Philippine Community for Asian Talent Night at the Radisson Hotel in Dallas. On Saturday, March 6, 2010, Jennifer attended the U.S. Pan American Chamber of Commerce Lunar New Year Celebration at Kirin Court Restaurant in Richardson where she met the City of Arlington Police Chief Thereon Bowman and his wife. Chief Bowman expressed interest in becoming familiar with the CMC. Jennifer also visited the City of Allen on February 16th and the City of McKinney on Monday, March 1st. On April 24th, Jennifer attended the ALDI Store Grand Opening. Jennifer stated that she is happy to mention the Garland CMC any time she is out in the community attending events. In the past weeks, Jennifer attended all the Census Ad hoc committee meetings.

Staff Briefing

None. (Priscilla Wilson was not present at the meeting.)

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CENSUS 2010 Update

Dassa Giles provided a report on behalf of the Census Awareness Block Party Committee to the CMC. The Census committee met on February 25, March 2 and 9. They also made two site visits to the location where the Census event will take place. City staff as well as Census staff also attended the planning meetings. The Census event is scheduled to be held at the park at 2905 Edgewood behind the Bazaar. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be moved to the second floor of 3375 Edgewood. T-shirts and other gifts will be given away at the event. The Census committee also recommended that the highest commendation be given to Lilly Clark for the excellent job in assisting the Census committee. To date, \$1,695.13 of the \$2,000.00 Census funds have been spent. The following Council Members have confirmed their attendance: Mayor Ronald Jones, Council Member Douglas Athas, Council Member Barbara Chick and Council Member John Willis.

Dassa Giles motioned to accept the Census committee's report; second by Kaushalya Siriwardana; approved unanimously.

Committee Reports/Discussion

Current Affairs

Per Deo Sookdeo no report other than the Census project update provided by Dassa Giles.

Health & Community Services

Code Cares Project – Saturday, April 24, 2010

Jennifer Nguyen stated that she spoke to John Fleming recently and confirmed the Code Cares Project.

CMC Meeting Dates

The next two meeting dates will be March 15 and May 20, 2010.

Announcements

None

Adjourn

Motion made by Dassa Giles; second by Kaushalya Siriwardana to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m.; approved unanimously.

Submitted by: Rosalinda Martinez, CMC Secretary

Approved by Committee: May 20, 2010

Approved by: Jennifer Nguyen, CMC Chair