

GARLAND
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
COMMUNITY MULTICULTURAL COMMISSION (CMC)
THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jerry Apodaca
Sunbola Ashimi
Dorothy Brooks
Joe L. Garcia
Dassa Giles
Hubert Hartin, Jr.
Koni Ramos Kaiwi
Virginia McClary
Jennifer Nguyen

STAFF:

Priscilla Wilson, Staff Liaison
Rosalinda Martinez, CMC Secretary

GUESTS:

John Kaiwi

MEMBER ABSENT:

Jaime Ornelas

Call To Order

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

Approval of Minutes

Virginia McClary motioned to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2008 meeting; seconded by Jennifer Nguyen; approved unanimously.

Citizen/Guest Comments

None

Chair's Briefing

Chair Koni Kaiwi stated that she attended the following events/meetings and she provided information about each event:

May 17, 2008 Parents Step Ahead Workshop at Cisneros Pre-K
June 4, 2008 Met with Community Leaders, Chief Mitch Bates, City Manager
Bill Dollar to discuss community issues
June 5-8 LULAC State Convention in Odessa, Texas
June 9 1st meeting with GISD and other community leaders on project
involving the immigrant community
June 15 Saigon Mall Grand Opening
June 17 2nd meeting with GISD, Salvation Army, and the Priest from Good
Shepherd Church regarding project involving the immigrant
community

Future events

June 21 Envision Garland Meeting at North Garland High School
July 4 CMC MOSAIC Festival at Firewheel Town Center
July 5 Naturalization Ceremony at Plaza Theatre

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Koni informed the CMC that Jaime had contacted the League of Women Voters and they will be present at the Naturalization Ceremony. Koni stated that Mr. Alfonzo Gonzalez with Immigration and Naturalization will be responsible for the program.

Chair Koni Kaiwi stated she had to leave the CMC meeting about 6:30 p.m. to attend another event at which time Vice Chair Hubert Hartin would begin to conduct the meeting.

Staff's Briefing

Priscilla Wilson informed the CMC about the Proclamation that the Mayor will sign and present at the July 1, 2008 City Council Meeting. The CMC will need to be represented and speak at this meeting. Dorothy Brooks stated she could attend a make a brief speech after accepting the proclamation. Virginia, Jennifer and Sunbola will also attend the meeting.

Priscilla informed the CMC that she will be out of the office from July 3-7th.

Committee Reports

Bylaws Committee

Chair: Dassa Giles Members: Jerry Apodaca, Sunbola Ashimi; Dorothy Brooks
Dassa stated that she, Sunbola Ashimi and Dorothy Brooks met on June 15, 2007 by telephone conference. Dassa provided the CMC with a report of recommendations for changes to the Bylaws. The CMC discussed and reviewed all recommendations. Dassa Giles motioned to accept the changes/additions/corrections to the Bylaws; seconded by Dorothy Brooks; accepted unanimously. Dassa will provide everyone with the revised Bylaws at the next CMC meeting.

Communication, Learning & Education Committee (CLUE)

Chair: Jaime Ornelas; Co-Chairs: Dorothy Brooks, Jennifer Nguyen
No report provided.

Economic Opportunities Committee

Chair: Jaime Ornelas Members: Sunbola Ashimi, Dassa Giles
No report provided.

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Events Committee

Chair: Sunbola Ashimi Members: Jerry Apodaca, Joe Garcia

A report was distributed by Sunbola Ashimi for the event committee. On June 12, 2008 Jaime, Sunbola, Virginia met by telephone conference to discuss progress of Mosaic Festival and Naturalization Ceremony.

Mosaic Festival Sub-committee

Chair: Virginia McClary

Virginia provided an update on the Mosaic Festival.

Naturalization Ceremony Sub-committee

Co-Chairs: Jaime B. Ornelas, Jerry Apodaca Member: Virginia McClary

Sunbola provided a report to the CMC.

Per Jerry Apodaca, the Boy Scouts will do lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Joe Garcia's daughter will sing the National Anthem.

Transportation & Mobility Committee

Koni Kaiwi stated that Hubert Hartin wants to chair this committee. He will contact Rosa Williams for information.

Public Safety Committee

There is no chairperson for this committee at this time.

Priscilla Wilson stated that.

Announcements

Virginia McClary announced the GAHFA October 12th Fiesta in the Park event. There is a table/booth reserved for the CMC.

Vice Chair Hubert Hartin announced that he is now serving on the Dallas Central Appraisal District's Review Board. Hubert also informed the CMC that he will be out of town attending a High School Reunion during Garland's SS4th event and therefore will not be able to volunteer at the CMC events.

Dassa Giles announced that she enjoyed the 2008 Fundraiser Banquet for Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association on Saturday, June 7, 2008 at the Westin Hotel - Galleria. The Mayor attended the event also.

Adjourn

Jerry Apodaca motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m.; seconded by Sunbola Ashimi; approved unanimously.

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Submitted by: Rosalinda Martinez, CMC Secretary

Approved by Committee: July 17, 2008

Approved by: Koni Ramos Kaiwi, CMC Chair