



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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jerry Apodaca	Jennifer Nguyen
Sunbola Ashimi	Jaime Ornelas
Dassa Giles	Kaushalya Siriwardana
Chekeitha Gray	Deo Sookdeo
Jennifer Najera Hague	
Hubert Hartin	
Martha Melaku	

**MEMBER ABSENT:**

John Fleming  
Robert Smith

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Lilly Clarke  
Rosalinda Martinez  
Priscilla Wilson

**GUESTS**

Fran Brown  
Maria Mendez

**Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Chairman Hubert Hartin.

**Approval of Minutes**

Hubert Hartin stated that the approval of the December minutes will be deferred until the next meeting in March.

**Guest Comments**

Priscilla Wilson introduced Fran Brown, President of the Garland Apartment Association.

**Staff Briefing**

Priscilla introduced Jaime Ornelas who served previously on the CMC. Jaime was recently appointed by Council Member Laura Perkins Cox, District 2.

Priscilla announced that DFW International is hosting a "Carnaval for Haiti" event on Saturday, March 13, 2010. Also, the Garland NAACP will be holding their annual Winter Ball on Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.

Priscilla informed the CMC that she will not be able to attend the March 18<sup>th</sup> CMC meeting because she will be out of the country. Priscilla will ask Angela Calvin to attend the CMC meeting for her.

Priscilla reminded the CMC that the brochure supply is low. Motion made by Jerry Apodaca; seconded by Sunbola to order 500 CMC brochures; approved unanimously.

**Election of Officers**

Dassa Giles stated that the Nominating Committee solicited a call for nominations for the position of Chairperson of the CMC after the slate was re-opened for this position during the December 10, 2009 meeting.

Dassa presented the following slate of officers to the members:

<u>Office of Chairperson</u>	<u>Office of Vice Chairperson</u>
Dassa Giles	Sunbola Ashimi
Jennifer Nguyen	

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**Election of Officers (continued)**

Dassa's name was on the slate for Office of Chairperson, so she excused herself and turned over the election process over to Rosalinda Martinez, the CMC secretary. The members cast their vote verbally.

Rosalinda announced the results of the election as follows:

Office of Chairperson

Dassa Giles	1 vote
Jennifer Nguyen	9 votes

Cast by Jennifer Nguyen  
Cast by Chekeitha Gray, Martha Melaku, Sunbola Ashimi, Hubert Hartin, Jennifer Hague; Jaime Ornelas, Deo Sookdeo, Dassa Giles, Kaushalya Siriwardana  
Abstained from voting: Jerry Apodaca

Office of Vice Chairperson

Sunbola Ashimi	11 votes
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Cast by Chekeitha Gray, Jerry Apodaca, Martha Melaku, Kaushalya Siriwardana, Jennifer Nguyen, Sunbola Ashimi, Hubert Hartin, Jennifer Hague, Deo Sookdeo, Jaime Ornelas, Dassa Giles

Jennifer Nguyen was elected Chairperson and Sunbola Ashimi – Vice Chairperson. Hubert Hartin turned the meeting over to Chairperson Jennifer Nguyen.

**CENSUS 2010 Update**

Motion made by Dassa Giles; seconded by Sunbola Ashimi to have the CMC/Census fair on Saturday, March 20, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; approved unanimously.

Motion made by Dassa Giles; seconded by Sunbola Ashimi to allocate \$2,000 from the CMC budget for the CMC/Census fair; approved unanimously.

Ad hoc committee was formed for the CMC/Census fair. Dassa Giles will be the chair and the following members will be on this committee: Dassa: Kaushalya, Deo, Jennife, Jaime, Chekeitha and Jerry.

**Committee Reports/Discussion**

**Communication, Learning, Understanding & Education (CLUE)**

Per Martha Melaku - no report at this time.

**Current Affairs**

No report.

**Economic Opportunities**

No report.

**Events**

Sunbola Ashimi thanked everyone that volunteered at the MLK parade. The event was a success. Sunbola will prepare a certificate of appreciation to thank Ed Samuells who drove the truck that was used at the parade. A thank you letter and small gift will also be provided to him.

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**Health & Community Services**

**Code Cares Project – Saturday, April 24, 2010**

No report provided because John Fleming was absent. Jennifer Nguyen stated that she will check with John Fleming to find out the status of the project.

**CMC Meeting Dates**

The next meeting date is March 18, 2010.

**Announcements**

Priscilla Wilson announced the Garland NAACP Winter Ball event to be held on February 19, 2010. Chair Jennifer Nguyen agreed to attend and represent the CMC at the Garland NAACP Winter Ball which will be held on February 19, 2010. Vice Chair Sunbola Ashimi will not be able to attend. Martha Melaku stated that she was available to attend. The 2 tickets will be paid from the CMC budget.

**Adjourn**

Motion made by Jerry Apodaca; seconded by Kaushalya Siriwardana to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.; approved unanimously.

Submitted by: Rosalinda Martinez, CMC Secretary

Approved by Committee: March 18, 2010

Approved by: Jennifer Nguyen, CMC Chair