



MINUTES MULTICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING

**Thursday, February 16, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.
922 Machin Avenue, Novato, CA
City Administration – Baget Conference Room, 2nd Floor**

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Jacobs

The regular meeting of the Multicultural Commission was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Jacobs, Vice Chairman Florez, and Commissioners Dario D'Arrigo and David Selzer

Also in attendance: Liaison Lt. Mike Howard (NPD)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 12, 2017 special meeting were approved as presented.
The minutes of the November 17, 2016 regular meeting were approved as presented.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Audrey Boland attended to observe.

Rick Van Adelsberg attended to observe.

Hadezbah Kuimelis attended to observe.

Robert Ito attended to observe.

Barbara Clifton-Zarate attended to observe

Kilani Ka'anoi attended to observe.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 5.A: Continue discussion on the development of the Commission's work plan.

Recommendation: Review the draft document compiled by the liaison of each Commissioner's submitted ideas and goals for the upcoming year. Edit the work plan and/or approve. Commissioners Florez and Jacobs submitted their work plan.

Chairman Jacob reviewed the work plan. Vice-Chair Florez summarized a few items to add and agreed to email the items to be included in the work plan.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Item 6.A: Review the outreach brochure for use by Commissioners and others to promote the Commission's work and activities.

Recommendation: The full Commission should review the edited outreach brochure and either approve or make final edits.

Commissioner Selzer motioned and Vice-Chair Florez seconded to approve the brochure as the final draft and that it return for distribution at next month's meeting for final review and approval.

Item 6.B: Discussion of Movies in the Park event(s) for 2017.

Recommendation: Determine if the Commission will put on one or two Movies in the Park events during the summary of 2017 and discuss date options for such.

The Commission discussed whether to show one or two movies. It was agreed that Commissioner Selzer research the dates other Commissions are holding events during July and August and to report back at next month's meeting. Discussion also ensued about the type of food to sell and whether to hold this in the evening.

Item 6.C: Discuss expanding the Multicultural Commission from five members to seven members.

Recommendation: Discuss the need for expanding.

The Commission discussed that more members are needed for the events that are expected to hold in the near future. It was agreed that the liaison would check on how to move forward with recruiting additional members and report back to the Commission when learned.

Item 6.D: Discussion about the Guidelines for Recruiting Volunteers to work on the Multicultural Advisory Commission.

Recommendation: Review the criteria for recruitment.

The Commission discussed the need for volunteer to assist with events such as greeting, staging, etc., that are planned in the near future. It was agreed that the liaison would check on how to move forward with recruiting volunteers and report back to the Commission when learned.

Item 6.E: Discussion on reaching out to the Novato schools.

Recommendation: Discussion about seeking cooperative relationships with the schools and requesting their participation in the Commission's activities.

The Commission discussed reaching out to the schools as part of the curriculum.

Item 6.F: Discuss proposing an art exhibition (posters, videos, etc.) promoting inclusion of all cultures in Novato.

Recommendation: Discuss proposing an art exhibition reflecting all cultures in Novato.

The Commission discussed including exhibitions at future forums.

7. COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

8. COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

The Commission briefly brought up the budget for the event poster. Vice Chair Florez mentioned that two posters were needed but they were only budgeted for one.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting of Thursday, March 16, 2017