



THE CITY OF  
**NOVATO**  
CALIFORNIA

## MINUTES MULTICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, March 16, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.  
922 Machin Avenue, Novato, CA  
City Administration – Baget Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

### 1. CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Jacobs

The regular meeting of the Multicultural Commission was called to order at 6:05 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), Recording Secretary Marie Banas

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 16, 2017 meeting were approved as presented.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rick Van Adelsberg brought up that in the first week of April, the Novato Sunrise Rotary Club will be holding the Social Justice Student Essay contest.

### 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 6. NEW BUSINESS

**Item 6.A:** Review the Commission's outreach brochure.

**Recommendation:** The Commission is to review the outreach brochure for approval.

The Commission did not forward the revised version of the brochure to the liaison for distribution. Therefore, discussion did not take place. The Commission agreed to forward to the liaison the revised brochure for distribution to allow for discussion at the next meeting.

**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 and which months.

Motion: Commission Seltzer moved and Vice President Florez seconded to show two movies, one on July 15<sup>th</sup> and August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Further discussion ensued about the type movies to show, whether to rent or purchase the movies, and possibly giving away prizes.

**Item 6.C:** 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 briefly discussed including art exhibitions at future forums, schools, and other events.

## **7. COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS AND REQUESTS**

The Commission requested the status of the work plan. The Commission was reminded that the additional items requested to include from last month's meeting was not forwarded to include in the work plan.

The Commission stressed the importance of each commissioner's involvement in the upcoming festival event.

Liaison Lt. Howard brought up the Novato Police Department's policy on immigration. The Commission requested that a link to the policy be added to the Commission's website.

## **8. COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Vice Chair Florez announced that she recently returned from vacation and has photos and a slide presentation of the border tour she attended. She requested, if possible, that a link be established to the Commission's website for viewing.

## **9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m. to the special meeting of Thursday, March 29, 2017