



THE CITY OF
NOVATO
CALIFORNIA

MINUTES MULTICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, June 15, 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 6:31 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Jacobs, Vice Chairman Florez, and Commissioner David Selzer.

Also in attendance: Liaison Chris Jacob (NPD), Recording Secretary Marie Banas

Absent: Commissioners Dario D'Arrigo

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Laurie Marshall invited the Commission to attend the Marin Singing Tree, an intergenerational, interracial, non-partisan project to explore and clarify values and strengths. The project starts at 5:30 p.m., various dates starting July 25th (Margarita C. Johnson Sr. Center, Marin City), August 4th (Mill Valley Community Center, Mill Valley), August 11th (Corte Madera Town Center Community Room, Corte Madera), August 18th (YMCA Youth Court Office, San Rafael), August 25th (Hill Community Room, Novato) and September 21st (TBD).

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 5.A: Review the Commission's outreach brochure.

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

The outreach brochure was not submitted to the Liaison. The Commission came to an agreement to work with directly with Peggy Flynn to finalize the brochure.

Item 5.B: Select Films for Movies in the Park Event(s) for 2017.

Recommendation: Select films for Movies in the Park event(s) for 2017.

Motion: Commissioner Selzer moved and Vice-Chair Florez seconded a motion to select the first movie, Hidden Figures, and show the first movie on July 29th at the Civic Green. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission further discussed and agreed to form a subcommittee consisting of Commissioners Florez and Selzer to discuss advertisement and agreed to form another subcommittee consisting of Chairman Jacobs and Vice-Chair Florez to select an appropriate movie for September 16th.

Item 5.C: Report of the 2017 Multicultural Festival Event held in April.

Recommendation: Report on the 2017 Multicultural Festival held in April.

The 6-hour Multicultural Festival event was well-attended. Suggestions for the 2018 Multicultural Festival were to have more of a stage presence, provide pop-up tents and umbrellas, open City Hall to allow access to the restrooms, hang a banner identifying the festival, provide a few plants and perhaps a flag. Other suggestions were to relocate the festival to Miwok Park from downtown but it was noted that parking could become an issue.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Item 6.A: Select a date for the 2018 Multicultural Festival Event.

Recommendation: Select a date for the 2018 Multicultural Festival Event.

The Commission is considering April 28, 2018 to have the festival.

Motion: Vice-Chair Florez moved and Commissioner Selzer seconded a motion to continue this item to the next meeting of July 20th. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 6.B: Select a date for the 2018 Forum on Equity in Novato.

Recommendation: Select a date for the 2018 Forum on Equity in Novato.

Motion: Chair Florez moved and Commission Selzer seconded a motion to hold the 2018 Forum on Equity on January 13, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

7. COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

8. COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. to the special meeting of Thursday, July 20, 2017