



MEETING MINUTES MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

Thursday, January 18, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.
922 Machin Avenue, Novato, California
City Administration – Baget Conference Room, 2nd Floor

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Multicultural Advisory Commission was called to order at 6:02 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Veda Florez, Jennifer Burt, and David Selzer.

Absent: Commissioner Cliff Jacobs

Also in attendance: Liaison Lt. Sophia Winter

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item 3.1: The January 4, 2018 special meeting minutes were approved with a revision.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jody Berman thanked the Commission for putting on the Forum on Equity event that took place on Saturday, January 13th. She asked the Commission to consider changing the name of the commission so that it speaks to the inclusion of all.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 5.A: **Discuss and Decide on Spending Plan, Location, and Program Guide for the 2018 Multicultural Festival Event.**

Recommendation: Discuss and Decide on Spending Plan, Location, and Program Guide for the 2018 Multicultural Festival Event.

The Commission continued discussion on the Multicultural Festival taking place on April 28th. The Commission recently learned that Mikow Park, the location voted on at the November 16, 2017 meeting to hold the event, is unavailable. Other options being consideration: another location, a different day to hold the event, partner with another organization holding their event the same day.

Advertising/marketing was briefly brought up. The following essentials for the program were recommended:

- Moderator
- Musical interludes
- Dancers/performers
- Performances
- Clear/specific times
- Clear guidelines
- Crew to set up/clean up
- Educational pieces
- Discussion of group
- Food/beverages

Motion: Vice-Chair Selzer moved to partner with another organization on April 28th. If the program essentials are not met, the Commission will just have a table at the event and not pursue a Multicultural Festival this year. Commissioner Burt seconded the motion. The motion passed without objection.

Item 5.B: Report, Discuss and Decide on Potential Partnership with Local Members of “Not in Our Town.”

Recommendation: Report, Discuss and Decide on Potential Partnership with Local Members of “Not in Our Town.”

The Commission continued discussion and consideration is being made to host a film night perhaps when Movies in the Park is taking place or have an additional movie night. Several movies suggested to show include *Light in the Darkness*, *A Proactive Stand*, and *Not in Our Town*.

Jody Berman and Hadezbah Kuimelis, members of the public, mentioned they serve on a Marin County committee that is very similar to what the Multicultural Advisory Commission does and is seeking endorsements. They asked the Commission to partnership with them to show films to the community. She stressed that movie presentations to the community is a powerful vehicle to help decompress. The Commission requested more information in writing as to what is requested of the Commission for consideration.

6. NEW BUSINESS

7. COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

Commissioner Burt commented that books are a great way of connecting with the community and what better way than to form a book club that would meet bi-monthly. She further commented that it would also be a great way to partnership with local libraries and businesses. The Commission expressed strong interest and requested that this item be calendared for next month’s meeting for further discussion including spending plan.

The Commission briefly discussed the positive feedback received from the Forum on Equity that was held on Saturday.

8. COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liaison Lt. Winter introduced herself.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM.