



CITY OF NOVATO
PARKS & RECREATION

Multicultural Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 - 5:00 PM

Teleconference

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order by Chair Olmanson at 5:03 PM

Commissioners present: Camillo, Jacobs, Olmanson, Osotio, Sato

Staff Present: Assistant City Manager Jessica Deakyne, City Clerk Laura McDowall, Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation Katie Gauntlett, Management Analyst I Christina Soares.

B. APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

Commission Action: Upon by Commissioner Jacobs and seconded by Commissioner Osotio, the Commission voted 5-0-2-0

AYES: Camillo, Jacobs, Olmanson, Osotio, Sato

NOES: None

ABSENT: vacant, Lyonnet

ABSTAIN: None

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Michelle Sheehan referenced public comment at Council meeting supporting Commission

D. CONSENT ITEM

D.1. Approve the meeting minutes of September 9, 2020

Commission Action: Upon motion by Chair Olmanson to approve with corrections (Santo to Sato and Jacob to Jacobs in Section I) and seconded by Commissioner Sato the Commission voted 5-0-2 to approve the meeting minutes of September 9, 2020.

AYES: Camillo, Jacobs, Olmanson, Osotio, Sato

NOES: none

ABSENT: vacant, Lyonnet

E. UNFINISHED AND OTHER BUSINESS *(continued from September 9 meeting)*

E.1.

Consider accepting nominations and selecting a Vice Chair

Commission Action: Upon motion by Chair Olmanson, nominated Commissioner Jacobs as Vice Chair. Jacobs accepted nomination. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sato. The Commission voted 5-0-2 to approve Commissioner Jacobs as Vice Chair.

AYES: Camillo, Jacobs, Olmanson, Osotio, Sato

NOES: none

ABSENT: vacant, Lyonnet

F. GENERAL BUSINESS

F.1 Discuss collaborative ideas and opportunities to work with Not In Our Town Novato on United Against Hate Week

Panelist Michelle Sheehan from Not In Our Town Novato suggested a proposal to work Ad-Hoc with the Commission for United Stand Against Hate week, occurring November 30-December 6, 2020. The Commission discussed creating an Ad-Hoc committee and to start planning soon due to the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. Commission discussed examples of hate crimes and for clarification of events. ACM Deakyne recapped for the Commission: Draft a Resolution for Commission to work with NIOT (Not In Our Town Novato), and to discuss collaborative ideas going forward.

Upon motion by Member Jacobs agendaize Resolution for November meeting and to create Ad-Hoc committee to work with NIOT Novato. Osotio 2nd motion. The Commission voted 5-0-2 to approve.

AYES: Camillo, Jacobs, Olmanson, Osotio, Sato

NOES: none

ABSENT: vacant, Lyonnet

Commission decided members of the Ad-Hoc Committee will be Member Jacobs and Member Osotio. Chair Olmanson motioned to approve Jacobs and Osotio, Jacobs seconded motion. Commission voted 5-0-2 to approve.

AYES: Camillo, Jacobs, Olmanson, Osotio, Sato

NOES: none

ABSENT: vacant, Lyonnet

F.2. Review and discuss potential options for diversity training for commission members

Management Analyst Soares presented to the Commission Diversity Training options. The Commission discussed presentation and asked about topics of training covered. Member Jacobs suggested narrowing down the training options to two vendors presented. ACM Deakyne suggested to the Commission that training would most likely take place in March 2021 after Committee, Commission, and Board recruitment and subsequent appointments.

G. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

G.1. Commissioner Reports

None

G.2. Staff Liaison Reports

ACM Deakyne presented to the Commission alternative meeting days or time beginning in January 2021. Staff recommended the fourth Wednesday of the month, starting at 6:00PM. Commission will discuss new meeting time at November 11, 2020 meeting. ACM Deakyne also addressed resource list inquiry and will update at a future meeting. ACM Deakyne will wait to agendaize collaboration with Wesley Fink for Pride Month in June. MAC promotion materials are ready and ACM Deakyne will present to Commission at a future date. ACM Deakyne recapped unfinished business for the Commission: Diversity Training, Ad-Hoc Committee and Resolution for United Against Hate Week.

Member Sato announced to the Commission a planned virtual benefit concert honoring COVID-19 local heroes taking place on November 19, 2020 at 6:00PM. Will send flyer to ACM Deakyne to promote.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Osotio made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Sato seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

I HERBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were duly adopted at the Multicultural Advisory Commission meeting of November 11, 2020.

Christina Soares
Christina Soares, Management Analyst I