



**CITY OF NOVATO**  
**CALIFORNIA**

**Multicultural Advisory Commission**

**Agenda**

**Wednesday, April 28, 2021 - 6:00 PM**

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**Chair**

**Angela Olmanson**

**Vice Chair**

**Clifford Jacobs**

**Members**

**Angelo Camillo, Consuelo Lyonnet, Sophia Osotio, Dennis Sato**

**Staff Liaison**

**Jessica Deakyne**

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**A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

**B. APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA**

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*There is a three-minute time limit to speak although the Chair may shorten the time based on the number of speakers or other factors. A speaker may not yield his or her time to another speaker.*

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**D. CONSENT ITEM**

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**D.1. Approve the meeting minutes from March 24, 2021**

**E. UNFINISHED AND OTHER BUSINESS**

**F. GENERAL BUSINESS**

*These items include significant and administrative actions of special interest and will usually include a presentation and discussion by the Commission. They will be enacted upon by a separate vote.*

**F.1 Receive final update on June's Pride Month events.**

**F.2 Staff update on Council action taken at the April 27, 2021 Council Meeting regarding the Multicultural Advisory Commission Chair and Vice Chair and new Commissioners.**

**G. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS**

*This section is used for Commissioners and the Staff Liaison to orally report on topics that can be considered for discussion at a future meeting.*

**G.1. Commissioner Reports**

**G.2. Staff Liaison Reports**

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

***Materials, that are submitted to members of the Commission after the distribution of the meeting's agenda packet will be available upon request.***

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Christina Soares, Management Analyst I



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**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, March 24, 2021 - 6:00 PM**

**Teleconference**

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Meeting called to order by Chair Olmanson at 6:02 P.M.

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

Commissioners absent: Lyonnet

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

**B. APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA**

Commission Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Sato and seconded by Commissioner Camillo, the Commission voted 5-0-2 to approve final agenda.

AYES: Camillo, Jacobs, Olmanson, Osotio, Sato

NOES: None

ABSENT: vacant, Lyonnet

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Michelle Sheehan spoke about hate crimes against people of Asian descent and Not In Our Town Novato issued a statement on the community standing together to stop hate. Also shared with the Commission a planned display of solidarity happening on 3/26/21 at noon. Sheehan stated she is looking forward to working in collaboration with the Commission.

**D. CONSENT ITEM**

**D.1. Approve the meeting minutes from January 27, 2021**

Commission Action: Upon motion by Chair Olmanson and seconded by Commissioner Sato, the Commission voted 5-0-2 to approve meeting minutes.

AYES: Camillo, Jacobs, Olmanson, Osotio, Sato

NOES: None

ABSENT: vacant, Lyonnet

**E. UNFINISHED AND OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**F. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**F.1 Receive an update from San Marin & Novato High School's Gay/Straight Alliance Group on Pride Month events.**

The commission received an update from Wesley Fink and Derek De La Cruz from San Marin and Sonja Fish from Novato High on the Pride month events and presented a draft Proclamation for discussion, recognizing Pride Month in June. The students presented their event ideas to the Commission and discussed social media campaigns.

Suzanne Ford, President of the SPAHR Center and Vice President of San Francisco Pride, spoke during public comment and shared her appreciation for the work the students have done to promote Pride Month and the importance of it to the community. Ford also shared with the commission that 3/31/21 is Transgender Day of Visibility and that the San Francisco Pride Flag will be flown at City Hall. The Commissioners also expressed their support and thanked the students for their work on the event.

Commission Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Osotio and seconded by Vice Chair Jacobs, the Commission voted 5-0-2 to present the Proclamation to City Council.

AYES: Camillo, Jacobs, Olmanson, Osotio, Sato

NOES: None

ABSENT: vacant, Lyonnet

**F.2 Discussion to be led by Commissioner Sato regarding potential action condemning the increase of hate crimes against people of Asian descent.**

Commissioner Sato suggested that the Multicultural Advisory Commission issue a joint statement with the City, condemning acts of violence directed towards Asian Pacific Islanders and their communities. Commissioner Sato added that discussions that promote diversity need to take place at home, schools, and places of worship. The Commissioners discussed with ACM Deakyne how they can issue a timely statement condemning hate on social media.

Commission Action: Upon motion by Chair Olmanson and seconded by Vice Chair Jacobs, the Commission voted 5-0-2 for City staff to issue public comment on behalf of the Multicultural Advisory Commission supporting Mayor Eklund's statement read at the City Council meeting on 3/23/21, condemning acts of violence against Asian Communities.

AYES: Camillo, Jacobs, Olmanson, Osotio, Sato  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: vacant, Lyonnet

Michelle Sheehan spoke during public and thanked the Commission for issuing a statement and the importance in standing in solidarity against hate crimes.

- F.3 Presentation from City Clerk, Laura McDowall, on the Committee, Commission, and Board application and appointment process.**  
City Clerk Laura McDowall presented to the Commission, the application and appointment process for upcoming Committee, Commission, and Board recruitments. The next step in the process will be scheduling interviews with City Council, taking place in mid-April via Zoom and interviews are public. New terms will start May 1, 2021 and the MAC Commission seats will be either a two or three-year term appointment.

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### **G.2. Staff Liaison Reports**

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ACM Deakyne mentioned that Staff will be presenting the Pride Event items to City Council on Tuesday May 25.

Chair Olmanson suggested a future agenda item on how Commission can contribute to Pride events. The Commission also discussed how future meetings will be presented, park rentals not currently permitted and regulations regarding organized sports.

## **H. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Jacobs motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Camillo seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 P.M.

**I HERBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were duly adopted at the Multicultural Advisory Commission meeting of \_\_\_\_\_.**

**/ Christina Soares /**  
**Christina Soares, Management Analyst I**