



CITY OF NOVATO
CALIFORNIA

Multicultural Advisory Commission

Agenda

Wednesday, May 26, 2021 - 6:00 PM

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Chair

Angela Olmanson

Vice Chair

Clifford Jacobs

Members

Tia Benjamins, Angelo Camillo, Nicole Gardner-Lewis, Sophia Osotio, Jeremy Portje, Dennis Sato, Sierra Suraci

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.

For issues raised during Public Comment that are not on the published agenda, except as otherwise provided under the Ralph M. Brown Act, no action can legally be taken. The Commission may direct that the item be referred to the Staff Liaison for action or may schedule the item on a subsequent agenda.

D. CONSENT ITEM

All matters listed on the Consent Item are considered to be routine and will be enacted by a single vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion unless specific items are removed from the Consent Item for separate discussion and action. Any Commissioner may remove an item from the Consent Item and place it under General Business for discussion.

D.1. Approve the meeting minutes from April 28, 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 Introductions of Commissioners

F.2 Election of Chair & Vice Chair

F.3 Commission Training Refresher, Laura McDowall

F.4 Unification Initiative/Work Plan Update, Jessica Deakyne

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

1) Pride Update from May 25, 2021 Council meeting

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, April 28, 2021 - 6:00 PM

Teleconference

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners present: Camillo, Jacobs, Osotio, Sato

Commissioners absent: Lyonnet, Olmanson

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

B. APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

Commission Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Osotio and seconded by Commissioner Sato, the Commission voted 4-0-3 to approve final agenda.

AYES: Camillo, Jacobs, Osotio, Sato

NOES: None

ABSENT: vacant, Lyonnet, Olmanson

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

D. CONSENT ITEM

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

Commission Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Sato and seconded by Commissioner Camillo, the Commission voted 4-0-3 to approve meeting minutes.

AYES: Camillo, Jacobs, Osotio, Sato

NOES: None

ABSENT: vacant, Lyonnet, Olmanson

E. UNFINISHED AND OTHER BUSINESS

None

F. GENERAL BUSINESS

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

The commission received a final update from Wesley Fink from San Marin and Sonja Fish from Novato High on the events planned for Pride Month in June. Events will include a Proclamation presented to City Council in May, Pride flags flown at City buildings, a virtual speaker event, featuring Suzanne Ford, focusing on allyship and understanding hosted by Wesley and Sonja, virtual story time at Copperfield's Books as well as recommended reading lists for adults and youth, and social media promotion of these events. Wesley and Sonja thanked the Commission and staff for their support in the support and planning of these events. The Commission thanked the students for their efforts.

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.

Assistant City Manager Jessica Deakyne provided an update to the Commission on Council's interest in expanding the Commission's membership from seven to nine. Once the Bylaws are updated to allow additional members, Council will appoint the Commissioners following the May 11, 2021 Council meeting. Staff will contact the Commissioners of their appointments for two or three-year terms. Proclamations will be presented to the departing Commissioners, publicly thanking them for their service.

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G.1. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Sato will be a featured speaker at the Not In Our Town-Novato meeting on May 3, 2021 to discuss Asian-American Hate violence, including the attack on the Asian-American at Lucky's shopping center in 1975 and how the former Oversight Committee brought the community together.

Commissioner Osotio attended a Not In Our Town-Novato community discussion, on having a welcoming Novato and how to make the town a better place by welcoming diversity. Also engaged in the Novato Unified sub-committee meetings about potential school closure over declining enrollment and lack of funding.

G.2. Staff Liaison Reports

None

H. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Osotio motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Sato seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:32 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

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