



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

**Multicultural Advisory Commission**

**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.

## **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**

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 May 26, 2021.**

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