



CITY OF NOVATO
CALIFORNIA

Multicultural Advisory Commission

MINUTES

Wednesday, April 27, 2022 - 6:00 PM

Council Chambers, 901 Sherman Avenue

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order by Chair Gardner at 6:10 P.M.

Commissioners present: Gardner, Jacobs, Olmanson, Osotio, Sato, Suraci

Commissioners absent: Camillo

Staff Present: Assistant City Manager Jessica Deakyne, Parks and Recreation Deputy Director Katie Gauntlett, Senior Management Analyst Drew Bendickson, Management Analyst I Christina Soares.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

Paula Neese spoke about the 2020 BLM protestor event.

Chris Ragland shared how the town of Corte Madera is developing a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion task force and thanked the city of Novato for their work and efforts in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

C. 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.

C.1. Speaker Panel and Diversity Day Celebration

The panel speakers consisted of Rondell Gibson, Director of College Access for Marin and Contra Costa counties at 10,000 Degrees, Berta Campos-Anicetti, LatinX Director from North Marin Community Services and Dennis Sato, currently a commissioner on the Multicultural Advisory Commission and has been active in Human and Civil Rights at national, county, and local levels.

The panel discussed diversity and what it means to them, creating educational success and job opportunities through fairness, shared conversations and understanding others' point of view, collaborate with schools and make the community more inclusive by being the example and acknowledging others.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 P.M.

I HERBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were duly adopted at the Multicultural Advisory Commission meeting of May 25, 2022.

/ Christina Soares /
Christina Soares, Management Analyst I