



CITY OF NOVATO
CALIFORNIA

Multicultural Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

Council Chambers, 901 Sherman Avenue

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order by Chair Osotio at 6:01pm.

Commissioners present: Gardner, Jacobs, Osotio, Sato, Schwarze

Staff Present: Senior Management Analyst Drew Bendickson, Senior Office Assistant Monica Castillo, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services Katie Gauntlett

B. APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

Commission Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Gardner and seconded by Commissioner Sato the Commission voted **5-0-3** to approve the final agenda.

AYES: Gardner, Jacobs, Osotio, Sato, Schwarze

NOES: None

ABSENT: Camillo, Olmanson, Suraci

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

D. CONSENT ITEMS

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

D.1. Approve the meeting minutes of September 28, 2022.

Commission Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Schwarze and seconded by Commissioner Gardner the Commission voted **3-0-2-3** to approve the meeting minutes of September 28, 2022.

AYES: Gardner, Osotio, Schwarze
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Jacobs, Sato
ABSENT: Camillo, Olmanson, Suraci

E. UNFINISHED AND OTHER BUSINESS

E.1. Receive update from Ad Hoc Committee on Community Engagement

Nothing to report.

F. GENERAL BUSINESS

F.1. Multicultural Commission Annual Report & Discuss Actions to Council

Senior Management Analyst Drew Bendickson presented the item which included the commission's 2022 accomplishments and the 2023 work plan, which is going to City Council on November 11, 2022. The commissioners had a discussion on the commission's mission statement and work plan.

Commission Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Schwarze and seconded by Commissioner Sato the Commission voted **5-0-3** to approve the Multicultural Advisory Commission work plan.

AYES: Gardner, Jacobs, Osotio, Sato, Schwarze
NOES: None
ABSENT: Camillo, Olmanson, Suraci

F.2. Consider recommending the Novato City Council recognize November 13-19, 2022, as United Against Hate Week

Chair Osotio presented the item, the commissioners reviewed the proclamation, and suggested edits that were approved by Commissioners present.

Commission Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Jacobs and seconded by Chair Osotio the Commission voted **5-0-3** to approve the proclamation for United Against Hate Week with the suggested edits.

G. COMMITTEE PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM(S)

None.

H. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

H.1. Commissioner Reports

Commissioners reported on upcoming events and encouraged other commissioners to join.

H.2. Staff Liaison Reports

Senior Management Analyst Drew Bendickson reported on City business.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:48pm.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were duly adopted at the Multicultural Advisory Commission meeting of January 25, 2023.

/ Monica Castillo /
Senior Office Assistant