



CITY OF NOVATO
CALIFORNIA

Multicultural Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2023

Council Chambers, 901 Sherman Avenue

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order by Chair Oostio at 5:58pm

Commissioners present: Alexandre, Jacobs, Osotio, Schwarze, Suraci

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

B. APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

Commission Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Jacobs and seconded by Commissioner Alexandre the Commission voted **5-0-4** to approve the final agenda.

AYES: Alexandre, Jacobs, Osotio, Schwarze, Suraci

NOES: None:

ABSENT: Camillo, Gardner, Olmanson, Sato

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 if October 26, 2022.

Commission Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Schwarze and seconded by Chair Osotio the Commission voted **4-0-1-4** to approve the meeting minutes of October 26, 2022 with the suggested typo correction from Commissioner Jacobs for item F.2.

AYES: Jacobs, Osotio, Schwarze, Suraci

NOES: None:

ABSTAIN: Alexandre

ABSENT: Camillo, Gardner, Olmanson, Sato

E. UNFINISHED AND OTHER BUSINESS

E. receive update from the Ad Hoc Committee on Community Engagement.

Commissioner Schwarze presented the item and shared with the Commission that he and Vice Chair Suraci will begin meeting again next week. Commissioners discussed the purpose of the Ad Hoc and Commissioner Alexandre expressed interest in joining the Ad Hoc Committee.

Commission Action: Upon motion by Chair Osotio and seconded by Commissioner Schwarze the Commission voted **5-0-4** to increase the size of the Ad Hoc to 4.

AYES: Alexandre, Jacobs, Osotio, Schwarze, Suraci

NOES: None:

ABSENT: Camillo, Gardner, Olmanson, Sato

Commission Action: Upon motion by Chair Osotio and seconded by Vice Chair Suraci the Commission voted **5-0-4** to appoint Commissioner Alexandre to the Ad Hoc Committee on Community Engagement.

AYES: Alexandre, Jacobs, Osotio, Schwarze, Suraci

NOES: None:

ABSENT: Camillo, Gardner, Olmanson, Sato

F. GENERAL BUSINESS

F.1. Preliminary discussion of MAC events

Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services Katie Gauntlett presented a report of annual Parks and Recreation events, MAC's 2023 workplan goals and recommendations to MAC for promoting City-hosted events. The commissioners discussed, asked questions, and made recommendations for these events.

Commission Action: Upon motion by Chair Osotio and seconded by Commissioner Schwarze the Commission voted **5-0-4** to establish an Ad Hoc Committee to identify community speakers for multicultural events and to appoint Commissioner Schwarze, Commissioner Jacobs, Vice Chair Suraci and Chair Osotio.

AYES: Alexandre, Jacobs, Osotio, Schwarze, Suraci

NOES: None:

ABSENT: Camillo, Gardner, Olmanson, Sato

G. COMMITTEE PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM(S)

None.

H. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

H.1. Commissioner Reports

Chair Osotio reported on upcoming events and encouraged other commissioners to join.

H.2. Staff Liaison Reports

Senior Management Analyst Drew Bendickson updated commissioners on the City's cultural outreach on social media since the commission previously met in October 2022.

Cultural outreach on the City's social media channels included Indigenous Peoples Day, Dia de los Muertos, Diwali, United Against Hate Week, Hannukah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, MLK Day, and the Chinese New Year.

I. ADJOURNMENTS

The meeting adjourned at 6:39pm.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were duly adopted at the Multicultural Advisory Commission meeting of February 22, 2023.

/Monica Castillo/

Monica Castillo, Senior Office Assistant