

**AGENDA**  
**COMMISSION ON CULTURAL DIVERSITY**  
**January 27, 2015**  
**OSCAR YRUN COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**5:00 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL**

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF November 18, 2014**

**STAFF LIAISON'S REPORT**

**COUNCIL LIAISON'S REPORT**

**CHAIRPERSON COMMENTS/REPORT**

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Multi Cultural Film Festival Movie report – Tanya Biami
2. Diversity(Heritage) Fair progress report - Chris Swan
3. Diversity(Heritage) Fair sub-committee report – Gail Houston
4. Cultural Connection Presentations to City Council update

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Terms expiring in April: Celeste, Gail, Shaundra, Sigrid
2. New council liaison

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

**CALL TO THE COMMISSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**CITY OF SIERRA VISTA**  
**COMMISSION ON CULTURAL DIVERSITY**  
**Special Meeting of November 18, 2014**  
Oscar Yrun Community Center, Conference Room  
3020 E. Tacoma St., Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

**CALL TO ORDER**

AJ Biemi called the meeting of the Commission on Cultural Diversity to order 5:02 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT:      AJ Biemi                      Shaundra McLemore-Sanders  
                                 Gail Houston                Sigrid Limtiaco  
                                 Janet Pressler                Tina Voigt

COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT:              Tom Reardon

STAFF LIAISON PRESENT:                 Victoria Yarbrough

OTHERS PRESENT:                         Celeste Atkins, new member  
                                                         Frances Micheau, interested citizen

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

Gail made a motion to accept the agenda as written.  
Sigrid seconded the motion.

VOTE:                      UNANIMOUS

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF 28 October, 2014**

Gail made a motion to accept the minutes as written  
Shaundra seconded the motion.

VOTE:                      UNANIMOUS

**COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT ON CITY COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**

- Mr. Reardon was not in attendance but he requested that each member receive a copy of his official statement from the council meeting of November 13, 2014.

**STAFF LIASION'S REPORT**

- Lee was not in attendance but Victoria came to the meeting in his stead. She wanted the members to know that she will be submitting the paperwork for the \$1000 dollar grant to offset our cost for the Cultural Heritage fair and specifically to pay for the use of Buena High School. AJ asked if the MOA with the fort has

been approved. Victoria stated that she hasn't received anything official but that doesn't mean the members can't proceed as if there is one. They can still participate in past events and activities. AJ mentioned that he was invited to an event in January. Victoria felt that his attendance would be fine.

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- AJ welcomed Celeste as our newest member and reminded the members that she will be official at the January meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **1. Updates on dates and presenters for future Cultural Connection Presentations to City Council**

- AJ briefly explained for the benefit of our new members and guests what the Cultural Connection presentations are and why they are part of call to the public at City Council meetings. He feels that once the new council is seated we should go back to presenting as part of the council agenda. All presentations whether they are call to the public or on the agenda should be about 3 – 5 minutes long.
- Tina said that she would be happy to be the April presenter.
- There was a lively discussion of the merits of having the presentation as an agenda item over a “call to the public” item. Gail stated that whichever direction they take that the members should be there, even if it isn't there month to speak, as a show of support.
- There was a motion made by Sigrid to make the presentations agenda items. Shaundra seconded. 4 were in favor, 1 was against and 1 abstained.

#### **2. Diversity Fair subcommittee discussion, specifically non-members interested in helping with the fair**

- Shaundra and Victoria explained the new direction of the fair. Gail made her report from the last subcommittee meeting and had some suggestions. The fair will be a “cultural heritage” fair so as to keep the original concept of the fair intact. Recently, the word diversity has taken on a new more inclusive meaning. The fair's intention was to show the cultural heritage of the city and that is the reason behind the change. Gail made a motion to officially change the name of the 2015 fair to the “Cultural Heritage Celebration”. Janet seconded. Vote was unanimous.
- The fair is confirmed for Buena High School on March 7<sup>th</sup>.
- The subcommittee felt that a theme was not needed this year.
- AJ reminded the members that Chris Swan is in charge of the logistics for the fair. She will be handling all registrations for the countries, food vendors, etc. We will invite Chris to the January meeting for a report and to see if she needs any assistance from the members.
- There was discussion about volunteers, sound system giveaways, publicity and dignitaries. The commission can assist by making invitations to different groups but be sure to let Chris and Victoria know the particulars. Gail motioned that we do away with the passports and just have giveaways for the children. Sigrid seconded. Vote was unanimous.

### **3. Multi-Cultural Film Festival with Cochise College**

- AJ explained the film festival for anyone who was not familiar with the program. The commission discussed Tom Reardon's suggestion of One Man's Hero for the 2015 fall series. Sigrid motioned that the commission make that suggestion to the college as their supported movie. Shaundra seconded. Vote was unanimous.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. Meeting in December? If so, what date?**

- There will not be a December meeting due to the Christmas holiday being in the same week. Next meeting will be January 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

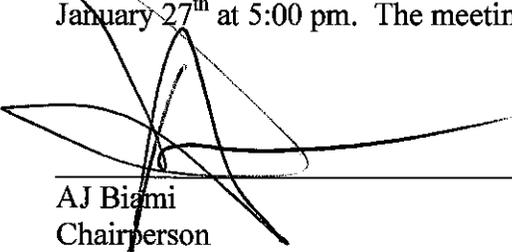
- Fran Micheau

### **CALL TO THE COMMISSION**

- Gail will be at the January 8<sup>th</sup> council meeting to discuss the fair. She thanked the subcommittee for all their hard work.
- AJ told the commission that "Smoke Signals" is in the 900 building of Cochise College tomorrow, in Douglas on Thursday and Bisbee on Friday.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Wishes for a happy holiday season for all and a reminder that the next meeting will be January 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.



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AJ Biemi  
Chairperson  
Cultural Diversity Commission