

AGENDA
COMMISSION ON CULTURAL DIVERSITY
April 28, 2015
OSCAR YRUN COMMUNITY CENTER
CONFERENCE ROOM
5:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF March 24, 2015

STAFF LIAISON'S REPORT

COUNCIL LIAISON'S REPORT

CHAIRPERSON COMMENTS/REPORT

OLD BUSINESS

1. Annual Commission Briefing report
2. Heritage Fair discussion

NEW BUSINESS

1. Associate member application – Deborah Aponte
2. Discussion of Diversity – its meaning and how it relates to the commission. Do we need to review our mission statement?

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

CALL TO THE COMMISSION

ADJOURNMENT

CITY OF SIERRA VISTA
COMMISSION ON CULTURAL DIVERSITY
Regular Meeting of March 24, 2015
Oscar Yrun Community Center, Conference Room
3020 E. Tacoma St., Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: AJ Biami Shaundra McLemore-Sanders
 Gail Houston Celeste Atkins
 Sigrid Limtiaco

MEMBER ABSENT: Tina Voigt Janet Pressler

STAFF LIAISON PRESENT: Lee Elaban

COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT: Gwen Calhoun

OTHERS PRESENT: Chris Swan
 Chrysti Lassiter-Jones
 Frances Micheau

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

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

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF February 24, 2015

Gail made a motion to accept the minutes with the following typos corrected: hel should be he.

Celeste seconded the motion.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

STAFF LIAISON'S REPORT

- Lee told the members that the Citizens Advisory Committee reports have been in the paper. They still have questions about raising fees vs alienating customers. They are also considering recommending a small tax increase of ½ percent since a 1 cent tax increase equals 1.2 million dollars in revenue.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT ON CITY COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

- Gwen will be late since the council work session on begins at 4:30.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- AJ thanked and welcomed the new applicants for their attendance. He also reported that the film festival at the college was very successful.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Cultural Heritage Celebration (Diversity Fair) after action report

- Gail reported the comments, questions and complaints that she heard and asked the members if they had similar comments to report. Celeste stated that the acoustics in that area make it very difficult to hear and if the commission had looked into a different venue. There was a discussion about last year's venue, the possibility of going somewhere else, using another area of Buena or getting a DJ with a professional sound system. There was additional discussion about getting press and promotion out much earlier, changing the date of the event and logistics regarding the event. Sigrid wanted to know why we had the question about race and age on the survey. It was stated that it was one of the grant requirements.

2. Annual Commission briefing to the city council

- The briefing has been moved to April 6th by the commission's request. There was a brief discussion about who would be making the presentation and which members would be able to attend to be support. Gail Houston will be making the presentation and will work on the final draft with Victoria.

3. Strategic Plan Input

- The commission told Gwen that they would like to have the Heritage Celebration and film festival mentioned in the plan and also to include the commissions mission statement.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Tina Voigt resignation?

- The members discussed Tina's current situation and that it would be better for the commission to remove her at this point with the understanding that she can re-apply when she feels she will be able to make a better commitment to the commission. Celeste made a motion and Shaundra seconded. Vote was unanimous.

2. 2 new applications for review

a. Frances Mischeau

Frances has been an associate member and now that we have an opening she would like to be a voting member.

b. Chrysti Lassiter-Jones

Chrysti would like the opportunity to participant.

The commission discussed with both ladies the options before them and made the recommendation to city council that we add Frances to the commission as a voting member and Chrysti as an associate member. Both ladies agreed to this recommendation. Celeste made the motion and Shaundra seconded. Vote was unanimous.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- No additional public in attendance

CALL TO THE COMMISSION

- AJ said that he would help Celeste with her presentation this Thursday at the council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.



AJ Biami
Chairperson, Commission on Cultural Diversity