

CITY OF SIERRA VISTA
COMMISSION ON CULTURAL DIVERSITY
Regular Meeting of October 26, 2015
Oscar Yrun Community Center, Conference Room
3020 E. Tacoma St., Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

CALL TO ORDER

Gail Houston called the meeting of the Commission on Cultural Diversity to order 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: AJ Biami Frances Micheau
 Sigrid Limtiaco Chrysti Lassiter-Jones
 Gail Houston Shaundra Sanders

MEMBER ABSENT: Janet Pressler

STAFF LIAISON PRESENT: Lee Elaban

COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT: Gwen Calhoun

OTHERS PRESENT: Deborah Aponte, Associate Member
 Jacqui Clay, CTE, Buena High School

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Gail stated that there is a typo on the agenda and the items under chairperson comments/report should be under staff liaison's report. AJ made a motion to accept the agenda with the changes. Shaundra seconded the motion.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF September 28, 2015

Shaundra made a motion to accept the minutes.
AJ seconded the motion.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

STAFF LIAISON'S REPORT

- Lee told the commission that there is no money budgeted for business cards or shirts. Lee stated if the commission would like either, he would get price quotes and report back next month with what he finds. The commission felt that would be a good idea. Lee said that he changed the wording from Asian to Ethnic to not be discriminating. Lee will get with PIO to get a PSA out to all media outlets about openings for associate members. AJ stated that one of our former members, Young Ran, was interested in coming back to the commission.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT ON CITY COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

- Gwen told the members that the approved budget is now available to view online.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS/REPORT

- Gail had no comments or report.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion on supporting Buena Ethnic programs

- Jacqui told the members that planning is beginning for the next event in November and October's event is just about planned. She has support from Ken Cecil at the mall and volunteers to bring in food for the tastings. She is working on confirming the guest speaker. Chrysti said she could call La Casita and see if it was possible for them to supply food for Wednesday. There was a brief discussion on the specifics of each month's events and publicity. Jacqui invited the members to attend the planning groups meetings each Tuesday at 330pm in Room 1540 at Buena.
 - **Who can possibly attend the event on 10.28.15 at 5:00pm at Buena**
At least four members would like to attend Wednesday's event. Donna will notify the city clerk's office about a potential quorum.

2. Review and discuss the findings from Meet Yourself Tucson - Gail

- Gail and Janet attended the event this past weekend in Tucson. AJ also attended but he went for non-commission business. Gail spoke to representatives from Hawaii and Turkey and told the commission she would like to invite more food vendors to next year's Heritage Fair.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Diversity subcommittee report

- There is no report this month.

2. Partnerships with other commissions update

- Sigrid spoke to the chair of Sister Cities and invited them to attend our meetings. They are unable to do that right now but she will let Sigrid know when they can.
- There were no other reports this month.

3. Report from the Ft. Huachuca Oktoberfest

- Shaundra reported to the commission that there were 220 participants. There were donations of raffle items from 10 local businesses. Col Trosson stated that he will be presenting each business with a certificate of appreciation along with the recognition that they received the night of the event. The commission was also recognized during the event for their support and assistance. Shaundra told the members that the food was excellent and the event was a lot of fun. There has been some discussion about next year's event already and ways they can make it even better with support from the city and that they would like to support the city's event as well. The dance groups are usually booked a year in advance.

4. **Discussion of “how do we explain what we do” – our mission**

- It was stated that explaining our mission is personal to each member but our main objective is educating and informing the city and its residents of the vast cultural heritage that makes up the citizens of Sierra Vista and the surrounding areas. A few members stated that it would be important for the commissioners to attend as many cultural events as possible and get our name and mission out to the citizens. There was a brief discussion of making the members more visible with name tags or shirts. As stated earlier, Lee will look into this and get back to the members next month.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- Deborah told the member that she will be performing at the Latin American Ethnic program at Buena on Wednesday night.

CALL TO THE COMMISSION

- There was nothing additional to report.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.



Gail Houston

Chairperson, Commission on Cultural Diversity