

CITY OF SIERRA VISTA
COMMISSION ON CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Regular Meeting of March 28, 2016

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 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: AJ Biami Sigrid Limtiaco Chrysti Lassiter-Jones
 Gail Houston Shaundra Sanders
 Janet Pressler

STAFF LIAISON PRESENT: none

COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT: Gwen Calhoun

OTHERS PRESENT: Lauri Owen, applicant to the Commission on Cultural Diversity
 Debbie Aponte, associate member

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

AJ made a motion to accept the agenda as written.

Janet seconded the motion.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF February 22, 2015

Shaundra made a motion to accept the minutes as written.

AJ seconded the motion.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

COUNCIL LIAISON'S REPORT

- All of the commissions are to be looked into and evaluated on how they are serving the City
 - Citizens Advisory Committee, CAC, will most likely do the evaluation
 - considering possibly combining commissions
 - not with the intent to get rid of Commissions
- Suggestions for discussion and consideration by the CAC while they are evaluating all the commissions are welcome
- Recommendations could include knowing the Commission budget, where the money is kept, how much money is there, and where money raised by the Commission goes
- Recommendations could be made about combining commissions and then how the commission policies would be modified to accommodate changes to commissions or combinations of commissions
- Budget issues, concerns, questions, or input can be communicated via email
- The members of the CAC may be suggested to attend commission activities in the process of evaluating commissions

CHAIRPERSON COMMENTS/REPORT

- The Commissioners should wear last year's Cultural Diversity t-shirts and name tags to the Cultural Heritage Celebration on April 9th.
 - Chrysti will need a t-shirt ordered from Wicked Limitz.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of applications for the Commission – Lauri Owen

- a. Brief introduction from Lauri, work history, interest in Cultural Diversity

2. Discussion of future Cultural events

- a. Shaundra made a suggestion to include a “Christmas Around the World” event during the City’s annual Tree lighting ceremony in VMP in November. Spots could be offered to people to represent their Culture, traditions and customs, much like in the Heritage Celebration. People could offer different representations of the various holiday celebrations around the World.
 - i. Shaundra will confirm date of Tree Lighting
 - ii. find out what the fee would be for participation
 - iii. speak with Laura about possibly getting applications so they will be available at the Cultural Heritage Celebration
- b. Shaundra suggested a multicultural SUMMIT after attending a similar event, giving people the opportunity to represent various cultures in a different venue

OLD BUSINESS

1. Final discussion for Heritage Fair – April 9th

- a. Buena 10-3, HELP set up at 7
- b. Raffle prizes still accepted, prize list for poster, and info for Sigrid
- c. Thank you letter for businesses that made donations
- d. Programs for Fair, from PIO

2. Report from Commission presentation to City Council

- a. Presentation was thorough, informative and well received

3. Discussion of future Commission Meet & Greets

- a. April 30th, Mona Bishop Room, 10-12:45
 - i. Reach out to staff liaisons to invite all commissioners and associate members, and request RSVPs
 - ii. Landmark Café and other City buildings could be potential locations for future Meet and Greets
 - iii. Other parties could be potential hosts

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

1. Include countries on the information that goes out to the public about the Cultural Heritage Celebration, letting the public know what cultures will be represented
2. Lauri Owen, Commission applicant,

CALL TO THE COMMISSION

Sigrid – European Cultural event on Thursday at Buena 5-7

Janet – Resigns from the Commission on Cultural Diversity, will continue as an associate member

AJ – Zumbathon fundraiser Friday, April 1 in Student Union Building at the Sierra Vista campus 6-9;

Foster-A-Child fundraiser September 16; Cochise College is hosting a Multi-Cultural film festival celebrating Women's History Month in room # 900 6 p.m.; AJ earned a position as a representative on the Cochise College Cultural Diversity Committee, due to 10 years spent with the Commission on Cultural Diversity

Shaundra – Recorded the radio and Commander's Channel commercial for the Heritage Celebration; would like to assign duties to commission members going forward

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Gail Houston

Chairperson, Commission on Cultural Diversity