

CITY OF SIERRA VISTA
COMMISSION ON CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Regular Meeting of April 25, 2016

Oscar Yrun Community Center, Conference Room
3020 E. Tacoma St., Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

CALL TO ORDER

Shaundra Sanders called the meeting of the Commission on Cultural Diversity to order 5:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sigrid Limtiaco Chrysti Lassiter-Jones
 Shaundra Sanders Frances Micheau

STAFF LIAISON PRESENT: Lee Elaban

COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT: Gwen Calhoun

OTHERS PRESENT: Debbie Aponte, associate member

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Frances made a motion to accept the agenda as written.

Shaundra seconded the motion.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF March 28, 2015

Chrysti made a motion to accept the minutes as written.

Sigrid seconded the motion.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

STAFF LIAISON'S REPORT

- Budget is still in process
- King's Court will be renovated by developer; will remain a City park

COUNCIL LIAISON'S REPORT

- Nothing to report at this time

CHAIRPERSON COMMENTS/REPORT

- Surveys from the Cultural Heritage Event
 - People enjoyed the food, the cultural performances, and learning about different cultures
 - People heard of the event through the Herald, word of mouth, and Facebook
 - People wanted the sound improved, more space and to know if items could be sold next year
 - Made a total \$305

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of applications for the Commission

- a. **Lauri Owen** discussed her background, qualifications, and shared her interest in Cultural Diversity with the commission during the March meeting
Frances made a motion to accept Lauri Owen as a member of the Commission on Cultural Diversity
Chrysti seconded the motion.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

- b. **Charles Moses** applied to become an associate member of the Commission

2. Discussion of future Cultural events

- a. Buena's Middle Eastern Culture event 26 April 2016 at 5:00 pm; the Asian Pacific cultural event will be in May

3. Christmas Around the World

- a. Possibly look at different days than the City's Tree Lighting
- b. A Christmas Market similar to the Christkindlmarkt in Germany
- c. Set up similar to the Farmer's Market
- d. Countries could have the option to sell wares

OLD BUSINESS

1. Next annual Heritage Fair

- a. Make commissioners more visible/accessible
- b. Get more space
- c. Make performances more visible
- d. Get bags ready for the Cananea kids/performers ahead of time; will need count prior to Fair

2. Discussion of future Commission Meet & Greets

- a. Saturday April 30th, Mona Bishop Room, 10:00-12:45
 - i. 15-20 RSVPs
 - ii. Bring a dish to share

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

CALL TO THE COMMISSION

Frances – nothing to report

Chrysti – nothing to report

Sigrid – International Military Student Community and Friends Program; If the students are here for more than 6 weeks, volunteers are needed to take the students out to dinner or an activity once a week

Shaundra – there will be a vote for a new Chair and Vice Chair to the Commission at June’s meeting

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Gail Houston
Chairperson, Commission on Cultural Diversity