

CITY OF SIERRA VISTA
COMMISSION ON CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Regular Meeting of June 27, 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 at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gail Houston Shaundra Sanders
 Sigrid Limtiaco Lauri Owen
 Chrysti Lassiter-Jones

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Frances Micheau

STAFF LIAISON PRESENT: Lee Elaban

COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT: Gwen Calhoun

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: none present

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Limtiaco, guest

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Shaundra made a motion to accept the agenda as written.

Chrysti Lassiter-Jones seconded the motion.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 23, 2016

Shaundra made a motion to accept the minutes as written.

Sigrid seconded the motion.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

STAFF LIAISON'S REPORT

- The City budget should be approved in approximately a month
- Christmas around the World will be set up in the southeast section of Veteran's Memorial Park, similar to the Thursday Farmer's Market
 - Both ends of the Southern parking lot will be blocked off and the food vendors can set up in the lot there
 - The food vendors could be charged a small fee as a means to raise money for the Commission
 - The food vendors from the Sierra Vista Farmer's Market could also be invited
 - The food vendors will need their own generators for power

- The booths for the Countries will be set up south of the parking lot in the grass, with rows of booths, and 20 ft in between the rows for walking space.
- The Commission will draft a letter to send to the Cultural Heritage Fair participants giving them an opportunity to come out and be a part of Christmas around the World
 - The letter should go out August/September timeframe
 - Those participants could also be invited to contribute to the organization of the event to provide input
- MWR will be invited to participate and may have flood lighting available for use
- The forms for the Countries and food vendors are ready for when Christmas around the World goes out to the public
- The Herald could put out the information about Christmas around the World to see if representatives for different Countries would want to show what they do during the Holiday season

COUNCIL LIAISON'S REPORT

- The Citizens Advisory Commission (CAC) has not yet been given the resolution for the task force
- The budget is posted online, people are encouraged to check it out and bring up any issues
- Fourth of July events will take place in Veteran's Memorial Park on the 3rd and 4th of July

CHAIRPERSON COMMENTS/REPORT

Nothing to report at this time

NEW BUSINESS

1. Commission Elections for Chair and Vice Chair

Gail Houston made a motion to nominate Shaundra Sanders for the position of Chair

Chrysti Lassiter-Jones seconded the motion

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Shaundra Sanders made a motion to nominate Chrysti Lassiter-Jones for the position of Vice Chair

Gail Houston seconded the motion

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

2. Applications for the Commission: discussion and vote

- None at this time
- Hold a Meet and Greet to get people out as associate members or to fill the vacancy on the Commission
- Post a notice on the City website to get potential Commissioners and associate members in to meetings

3. Discussion of future Cultural events

- Nothing new at this time

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Annual Heritage Fair

- Nothing new at this time

2. Christmas Around the World

- See “Staff liaison’s report”

3. Discussion of future Commission Meet & Greet

- OYCC Room 1 Thursday, August 18th 1600-1900
 - Ask people to bring a dish to share
 - See if West End would be interested in hosting, but maintain the OYCC reservation for the time being

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Nothing from the public at this time

CALL TO THE COMMISSION

Sigrid – nothing at this time

Lauri – will get sworn in this week, will let us know the day and time

Chrysti – nothing at this time

Shaundra – nothing at this time

Gail - would like to have the globe sponge balls from Oriental Trading Co for the kids from Cananea that perform at our Cultural Heritage Celebration, Shaundra has the product details for Chris

ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.



Shaundra Sanders

Chairperson, Commission on Cultural Diversity