

**DUNCANVILLE COMMUNITY MULTICULTURAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 7, 2012**

A regular meeting with the Duncanville Community Multicultural Commission was held Thursday, May 17, 2012 at 6:36 p.m.

- Leslie Brinkerhoff (Chair)
- Ben Orozco (Vice-Chair) (Absent)
- Mary Fae Kamm
- Carole Fennig
- David Ross
- Bailey Tyler
- Ray Uehara
- Robert Gultery (Absent)
- Beverly Gipson (Absent)
- Gemma Lopez (Absent)

Staff: Public Information Officer Claudia Garibay

ITEM 1: Each DCMC member took a few minutes to introduce themselves to the group.

ITEM 2: Chairman Brinkerhoff initiated a discussion about the vision of the DCMC. Brinkerhoff raised the question about how the Commission can actively reach out to new and current residents and involve them in City affairs.

Ross asked how the Duncanville 101 Government Program fits into the overall DCMC mission. Uehara stated that the commission is also in charge of educating and involving new residents. The Commission reviewed the DCMC mission and stressed the importance of staying focused on the Commission's mission statement and not branch out.

The Commission discussed previously-developed DCMC programs including the water bill insert and survey. The Commission brainstormed the idea to recommend the development of a welcoming packet. Kamm made a motion to recommend to the City Council that a welcoming packet be developed and made available to all new residents. Tyler seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 3:

The Commission continued discussion of the Duncanville 101 Government Program. Kamm proposed that the Commission wait for the new council to come on board to propose the plan again. Uehara said that one of the questions for the Council would be the time and effort that can be allocated for the plan. Kamm made a motion to table the Duncanville 101 Government Program until the next meeting where the commission would revise a document which would address the first part of the mission statement that

states: *"Its mission shall be to promote citizen participation and engagement in the government process and activities"*. Ross seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 4: Brinkerhoff informed that there was no DCMC participation in Taste of Duncanville this year due to lack of personnel from the City to coordinate its participation, but the DCMC will revisit this item for 2013.

ITEM 5: Kamm reminded the Commission about Gerri Brown's proposal to carry out the Multicultural Festival. Kamm will redistribute the proposal to the Commission. Kamm's concern this year is timing. Kamm made the following motion: Whereas it does not look feasible to develop a multicultural event in 2012, the DCMC will revisit the possibility for 2013. Fennig seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Tyler proposed participating in the 4th of July celebration this year. Kamm made a motion to have the DCMC actively participate in the Lions Club-sponsored 4th of July parade and will do so by preparing a float. Ross seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

June 21, 2012

- Prepare for the 4th of July Parade
- Review the first part of the mission statement
- Review the Citizens Survey prior to the meeting and be ready to discuss
- Discuss possible Bus Tour for 2012

Reminder: The June 21st meeting will be held at the Museum of Cultures at 7500 West Camp Wisdom.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

APPROVED:

CHAIR

ATTEST:

BOARD SECRETARY