

**DUNCANVILLE COMMUNITY MULTICULTURAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**
CITY HALL BRIEFING ROOM, 203 E. WHEATLAND ROAD
MARCH 19, 2015

The Duncanville Community Multicultural Commission (DCMC) held a regular meeting on Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 6:39 p.m. with a quorum present, to wit:

Lorraine Hood-Jack
Patrick LeBlanc
Mary Fae Kamm
Ray Uehara
Lia Polk

Bonnie Giunta
Linda Lydia
Janet Watson
David Ross (Excused Absence)
Chloe A. Knowling (Excused Absence)
Elizabeth Gipson (Excused Absence)

Staff: Recreation Superintendent Veronica Williams and Parks and Commission Recording Secretary Pam Willis.

ITEM 1 – Public Discussion Period:

No one was present to speak during the public discussion period.

ITEM 2 – Meet and Greet New Board Members:

Staff Liaison Veronica Williams began the introductions. Each board member new and current told a little bit about themselves. There are six new board members that were added to the board in February. Four of the new members were in attendance: Lia Polk, Bonnie Giunta, Linda Lydia and Janet Watson. Two new members were not present Chloe A. Knowling and Elizabeth Gipson.

ITEM 3 – Elect a New Chairperson:

Nominations were taken for a new Chairperson. Mary Fae Kamm nominated Ray Uehara; Lorraine Hood-Jack seconded the nomination; however, Ray Uehara said he could not accept the nomination because of prior family commitments for the year. With that being said, he did nominate Lorraine Hood-Jack for Chairperson. Mary Fae Kamm motioned to close the nominations; Linda Lydia seconded the motion. A vote was taken for Lorraine Hood-Jack to become the new Chairperson. Motion passed 8-0 in favor. With a new Chairperson, Mary Fae Kamm made a motion to approve minutes from the January 15, 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded by Lorrain Hood-Jack. Motion was passed with 8-0 vote.

ITEM 4 – Discuss Attendance Policy

Staff Liaison Veronica Williams explained that the City Council was raising their bar of expectations. Since Duncanville Community Multicultural Commission is an advisory board to

the council, it was discussed that the board would be held more accountable for their attendance and projects. Staff Liaison Williams then specified that no board member could have more than three (3) consecutive meetings without a valid excuse; otherwise the board member may be replaced. Chairperson Hood-Jack inquired on where this information was located. Commission Recording Secretary Willis said she would get it for them.

ITEM 5 – Marketing Strategy

Staff Liaison Williams told the board that she had some mocked up logos for them to see. She suggested that this is an opportune time to rebrand the commission. She mentioned that the Parks and Recreation department donated a tablecloth so the presentation table when set up looks refined and professional.

ITEM 6 – Social Engagement

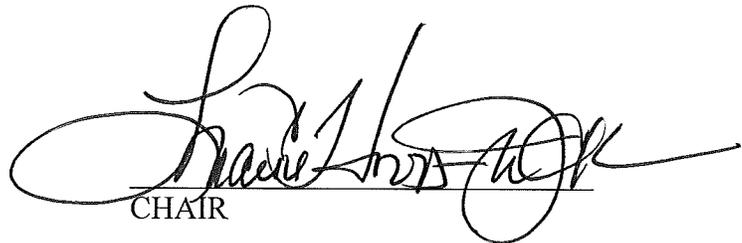
Staff Liaison Veronica Williams suggested that the Commission meet with the Social Engagement Commission to get ideas on how to rebrand the City through home-grown engagement. Also she mentioned partnering with the Parks and Recreation Department as well. Mary Fae Kamm commented that the Commission identify the City’s different cultures and highlight them together if possible. Use social media like Facebook, Twitter and webpages to get the message out, but not to limit themselves to just that.

Chairperson Hood-Jack wanted a copy of the By-laws regarding attendance policy. She requested also that everyone receive an events calendar. She requested that agenda items be limited to keep with the timeframe of adjourning at 7:30pm. Chairperson Hood-Jack and board member Lydia both requested that if the board did not make it to an agenda item during the regular meeting that it be tabled for the next agenda under the title “Old Business”. Board member Polk inquired about changing the agendas to have “Old Business”, “New Business” and Announcements on there. Staff Liaison Williams requested that this be discussed as an agenda item on the next agenda.

Board member Lydia motioned for adjournment; seconded by board member Polk.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

APPROVED:


CHAIR

ATTEST:


COMMISSION SECRETARY