

**DUNCANVILLE COMMUNITY MULTICULTURAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL BRIEFING ROOM, 2003 EAST WHEATLAND ROAD
March 21, 2013**

The Duncanville Community Multicultural Commission (DCMC) held a regular meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2013 at 6:37 p.m. with a quorum present, to wit:

Councilmember Janet Harris

Sheneice Hughes

Gabriele Hardin

Mary Fae Kamm

Bailey Tyler

Margaret Geiger

Charlie Mae Smith

Ray Uehara

Patrick LeBlanc

Lorraine Hood-Jack

David Ross (Absent)

Staff: Public Information Officer Claudia Garibay

ITEM 1. Bailey Taylor made a motion to accept the draft minutes for the February 4, 2013 meeting. Mary Fae Kamm seconded the motion. The motion passed (9-0).

ITEM 2. Each DCMC member took a few minutes to introduce themselves to the group.

ITEM 3. Charlie Mae Smith made a motion to nominate Patrick LeBlanc as Chair for the DCMC. Lorraine Hood-Jack seconded the motion. The motion was passed (9-0). Patrick LeBlanc made a motion to nominate Lorraine Hood-Jack as Vice-Chair. Sheneice Hughes seconded the motion. The motion passed (9-0). Patrick LeBlanc is the new DCMC Chair, and Lorraine Hood-Jack is the Vice Chair.

ITEM 4. LeBlanc initiated a discussion about the Commission's previous accomplishments focusing on the May/June 2011 survey conducted by the Commission at that time. As the only two returning members, Kamm and Ray Uehara explained that survey was conducted at the Taste of Duncanville event and the results were used to create a brochure. Kamm and Uehara also shared the Commission's previous struggles in getting a quorum and the loss in momentum during 2012 due to staff changes and other members resigning.

Bailey Tyler left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The Commission held a brief discussion with Councilwoman Harris about the member appointment process.

LeBlanc proposed keeping the DCMC meetings to 60 minutes, when possible. The Commission agreed.

ITEM 5. LeBlanc continued with a discussion about the ideas presented during the Commission's January 17 joint meeting with the City Council, including a Mural Design

Contest at the Feed Store. Harris advised that this project was assigned to the Keep Duncanville Beautiful Board (KDB) but that the DCMC should look into how the Commission could join in the effort. The Commission decided to explore this project further with a possible meeting with the Feed Store Manager and the KDB Board. Claudia Garibay will provide more information on this project.

The Commission requested information on the City's demographic breakdown. Garibay will provide the information via email.

A discussion was held about recognizing other ethnic celebrations, in addition to the usually celebrated ethnic events. Geiger will provide the Commission with a Dallas ISD Calendar that highlights ethnic holidays throughout the year.

Kamm suggested creating an event or teaming up with the Japanese American Society (JAS) to celebrate the Japanese Children's Day, usually held the first Saturday in May. Garibay will research the JAS. Hughes reminded the Commission about the Cinco de Mayo celebrations taking place that same weekend.

Smith expressed her concern about the Commission not having a budget. Hughes proposed partnering up with local businesses/associations to generate funds/sponsors. The Commission also suggested fundraisers as a way to get funds for the DCMC. Kamm suggested inviting Vendors to participate in upcoming events. Garibay will provide the Commission with the City's fundraising procedures and ordinances. LeBlanc asked Hughes to take the lead on fundraising ideas.

LeBlanc encouraged the Commission to submit additional ideas via email.

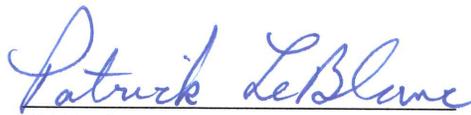
Hood-Jack requested a list of local businesses for sponsorship letter purposes.

Uehara reminded the Commission that the DCMC mission statement includes promoting the citizens involvement in the city by planning a Govt. 101 structure. LeBlanc asked Uehara to take the lead on this topic.

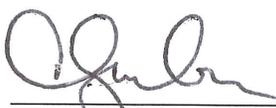
ITEM 6. The Commission agreed to keep the third Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm as their designated meeting date/time. The next meeting is April 18th at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

APPROVED:


CHAIR

ATTEST:


COMMISSION SECRETARY