

**DUNCANVILLE COMMUNITY MULTICULTURAL COMMISSION  
SPECIAL REGULAR MEETING  
CITY HALL BRIEFING ROOM, 2003 EAST WHEATLAND ROAD  
May 2, 2013**

The Duncanville Community Multicultural Commission (DCMC) held a special meeting on Thursday, May 2, 2013 at 6:37 p.m. with a quorum present, to wit:

Sheneice Hughes (Absent)  
Gabriele Hardin (Absent)  
Mary Fae Kamm (Absent)  
Bailey Tyler  
Margaret Geiger

Charlie Mae Smith (Absent)  
Ray Uehara  
Patrick LeBlanc  
Lorraine Hood-Jack  
David Ross

City Manager, Greg Contreras  
Duncanville Food Store Manager Marshall Howard

Staff: Public Information Officer Claudia Garibay

**ITEM 1.** The Commission held a discussion with Duncanville Food Store Manager, Marshall Howard, in reference to a possible Mural Project at the Feed Store. Mr. Howard explained that a cost estimate could help the Feed Store determine how much they could help with the overall cost.

The City Manager, Greg Contreras, explained the City's permit cost and procedure for a mural including surface preparation, primer and paint type, as well as the importance of selecting someone with mural experience to do the job, noting Cox Farms as an example. He specified the need for KDB's approval of the project and recommendation to Council.

Additional discussion included the involvement of Duncanville High School Students for the design portion and possible paint job. Margaret Geiger suggested involving the High School Art Students. Patrick LeBlanc recommended bringing in Sponsors for the materials and to begin presenting the idea to the DHS as soon as possible. Lorraine Hood-Jack proposed coming up with a theme such as Living, Learning, Loving and Diversity. Another theme option presented by LeBlanc was to use five of the Cultural Observances found in the DISD Calendar: Hispanic Heritage Month (September), European-American Heritage Month (October), American-Indian Heritage Month (November), African-American Heritage Month (February) and Asian-American Heritage Month (May). Ray Uehara suggested including the History of Duncanville. Ross proposed including adults in the design process. Bailey Tyler proposed creating a design contest to include the community. LeBlanc suggested promoting the contest via the City's Website and TV Network, and local newspaper. In an effort to get things moving, LeBlanc encouraged the Commission to submit their theme ideas to the Liaison by May 14<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Howard committed to provide the Commission with mural dimensions and materials needed to bring the Feed Store wall up to standards for the mural.

Geiger left the meeting at 7:05 p.m. (*Meeting ended due to a lack of quorum*)

Discussion only continued as follow:

**ITEM 2:** The approval of minutes for the March 21<sup>st</sup> and April 25<sup>th</sup> Regular Meetings was postponed until the next meeting due to a lack of quorum.

**ITEM 3.** Participation in the Japanese Kite Day was not considered feasible due to time restrictions.

**ITEM 4.** Hood-Jack suggested that the Commission focus on and prepare for future events. Ross reminded the group about the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. The Commission discussed their participation in the parade including making a multicultural float, ordering DCMC t-shirts and inexpensive items to promote the Commission.

Reasoning behind fundraising initiatives for the Commission was discussed. LeBlanc explained that the commission is looking to raise a small amount of funds for small expenses such as printing. Hood-jack emphasized that fundraising will serve as another opportunity to involve the community.

**ITEM 5.** The Commission proposed waiting until the next meeting to discuss fundraising ideas due to a lack of quorum.

**ITEM 6.** Uehara and Ross provided the Commission with background information on past research on a possible Government 101 plan: the plan consists of classes provided by City Staff to Duncanville residents about the different department roles and overall Government structure. The Commission could consider developing a Government 101 plan and presenting it to Council for approval; the plan would be implemented by City Staff. The Commission Liaison is to provide to Commission with the research compiled-to-date for the Commission to continue discussing drafting a plan for Council consideration.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
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CHAIR

ATTEST:

  
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COMMISSION SECRETARY