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**Cultural Inclusion and Diversity Committee  
MEETING NOTES**

**October 19 , 2009, Village Hall, Room 101 7:15 PM**

**Committee Members Present:**

Kenneth Griesemer, Gayle Peneschi, Maria Bond, Debra McDonald.

**Others Present:**

Trustee Lori Kaiser (Board Liaison), Sandra Vincent Richard (Staff Liaison).

**Others Absent:**

Phillip Anderson, Maura Contreras, Eira Corral, Rohit Bhatt, Laura Ehorn, Mathew Idicula, Manhar Patel, Jammie Woods and Ron Woods.

Although there was no quorum to hold an official meeting, the members in attendance decided to continue with a unofficial meeting to discuss the planning for the Holiday Tree Lighting Event and preliminary budget planning.

**Holiday Tree Lighting Event**

The members expressed a desire to keep this event simple. They recommended the CIDC simply decorate a tree with weather resistant ornaments representing several cultures. Staff Liaison Sandra Richard passed around examples of several ornaments kits available through various suppliers. They also discussed creating some designs of their own and laminating any flat paper ornaments for weather resistance. Gayle Peneschi volunteered to have the youth in her program and the Hanover Park Resource Center put together the ornaments. In the interest of time, Sandra Richard will proceed in procuring the ornament kits and other supplies needed. Once everything is received, she will contact Gayle Peneschi.

**FY2011 Budget—Preliminary Discussion**

At the September meeting the Committee members agreed to limit itself to four major events a year—approximately one per quarter. They also indicated an interest in selecting different months to celebrate from the prior year. The members identified the following months for celebrations in FY2011:

July 2010..... Have a table a Centro de Infomacion's Mental Health Fair  
August 2010..... Arrange for multi-cultural food fair in conjunction with car show  
September 2010..... Have a table at the Mexican Independence Day Celebration  
November 2010..... National American Indian Heritage Month Celebration  
February 2011..... Black History Month Celebration

Sandra Richard will contact Village staff about costs and procedures related to food vendors at festivals/events. The Committee will continue with discussions about actual programs for the remaining dates at the November meeting.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Sandra Vincent Richard, 10/19/2009

Meeting Notes Recorded by / Date