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**Cultural Inclusion and Diversity Committee**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 17 , 2009, Village Hall, Room 101 7:15 PM**

**Committee Members Present:**

Phillip Anderson, Maura Contreras, Eira Corral, Kenneth Griesemer, Debra McDonald, Gayle Peneschi, Maria Bond, Jammye Woods and Ron Woods.

**Others Present:**

Trustee Toni Carter (Board Liaison), Sandra Vincent Richard (Staff Liaison), Linda McCance Packham and Frank Grant-Acquah.

**Others Absent:**

Rohit Bhatt, Laura Ehorn, Mathew Idicula, Manhar Patel, and Rev. Craig Stroder.

**I. Call to Order – Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 7:23 p.m.

**II. Presentation of Agenda**

A motion was made by Ken Griesemer for approval of the Agenda as presented. It was seconded by Gayle Peneschi. A voice vote was taken. All ayes, no nays or abstentions. The motion passed and the Agenda was approved as presented.

**III. Approval of Minutes from June 15, 2009.**

A motion was made by Gayle Peneschi to approve the Minutes from July 20, 2009 as presented. The motion was seconded by Maura Contreras. A voice vote was taken. All ayes, no nays or abstentions. The motion passed; and the Minutes from July 20, 2009 were approved as presented.

**IV. Trustee Toni Carter**

Trustee Toni Carter thanked all the Committee members for the hard work and efforts to have the Cultural Inclusion and Diversity Committee meet its mission to serve the residents of Hanover Park. She then provided the Committee with her personal reasons for deciding to resign from the CIDC as its Board Liaison.

**V. Program Planning**

**A. Park District Mexican Independence Day Celebration**

Discussion ensued regarding whether or not the Park District would allow the CIDC to participate in this event at no cost. Maura Contreras agreed to contact the Park District for clarification on how we might participate. Phil Anderson then motioned to have the CIDC participate in this event at a total cost not to exceed \$700 (\$500 for the sponsorship plus an additional expenditure of \$200 for give-away items for the event). The motion was seconded by Maria Bond. A voice vote was taken. All ayes, no nays, no abstentions. The motion passed. The Committee approved a total expenditure not to exceed \$700.

The Committee would look into creating a magnet promoting diversity and the work of the CIDC. Maura, Maria Bond and Gayle Peneschi would work on these.

**B. Holiday Lights Tour**

The Committee discussed whether or not its participation in this event fulfills the mission of the CIDC. Eira Corral mentioned that the event as it currently exists lacks diversity. She suggested it would be a way for many of us to come together and demonstrate how different cultures celebrate their winter holidays. Trustee Carter commented that this event primarily represents the Judeo-Christian culture and excludes those who do not celebrate Christmas at all. Maria Bond represented that if we decide to participate, we should not use the word "inclusion" because this event is not inclusive of all cultures. Further discussion about this event will continue at the September meeting.

**C. Symposium on Strengthening the Family**

The Committee agreed to hold this event on Saturday, April 17, 2010 and have the theme focus on environmental issues. Further discussion will continue at the September meeting.

**VI. Old Business**

**A. Centro de Infomacion Mental Health Fair**

Eira Corral suggested bringing the coordinator of Centro de Infomacion's Mental Health Fair to come speak to our group, possibly about participating in this event in the future.

**B. Hanover Park Community Center 3 on 3 Basketball Event**

Phil Anderson thanked everyone for their support and mentioned sending thank you letters to all who helped sponsor this event and help the Center get through its funding crisis.

**VI. New Business**

There was no new business to conduct.

**VII. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Maria Bond and seconded by Gayle Peneschi for adjournment. A voice vote was taken. All ayes, no nays and no abstentions. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Sandra Vincent Richard, 8/17/2009  
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