

# Mayor's Multicultural Council of Stamford

June 27, 2016

Mayor's Conference Room – 10th Floor

## MINUTES

**Members Present:** Pilar Pelaez, Roberto Figueroa, Nino Antonelli, John Mallozzi, Leila Y. Montier, Eva Weller, Deborah Goldberg, Meera Banta, Eva Padilla, Jere Eaton and Ana Gallegos.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Pilar Pelaez at 6:15 pm.

### Welcome

Chair Pelaez welcomed members to the meeting and wished the best for this summer.

### Review May 23, 2016 Minutes

Minutes were reviewed. Mr. Figueroa made a motion to approve the minutes; it was second by Mr. Antonelli. Minutes were approved.

### Project Updates:

#### \* Children Parade

Mr. Figueroa suggested of having a formal letter in order to reach out restaurants and food trucks to participate in the event. He also mentioned the need to push for more people's participation and the need to have a big promotion, a town organization.

Eva Weller suggested promote with SPEF. Robert said that they have a meeting already but they will set up a meeting also with Sharon.

Nino Antonelli suggested to have a flyer, pictures and some information about the event and also to request to place it in the City of Stamford website.

It was suggested to have the flyers in English and Spanish, but also in Creole and Polish.

Robert asked Pilar to reach out the groups that will be participating in the festival.

#### \* Calendar events.

Pilar informed that there is not a calendar of events. She requested everybody's help of sharing information about events in the community such as the Flag raise.

It was suggested to add the event also in the Facebook and to have a newsletter with information about the MMCS. Pilar is working on it and getting information from it's beginning.

#### \* Senior event

Leila Y. Montier informed that she met with Christina and Toni. The Senior Annual Picnic will be at the Cove Island Pavilion (Episcopal Church rainy day) from 10:30 to 2:00pm it will be done in partnership with the Over 60 Senior Neighborhood and

the MMCS. We'll provide the DJ for the event from 12:00 to 2:00 pm. Groups of dancers will be performing at the event also

**\* Banner**

Roberto inform that we'll have a pull-up banner. He asked for ideas about the information that should be on it. Some of the suggestions were: logo of MMCS, year that it was established and the Mission: "To Inform, Celebrate, Promote, Understand, Appreciate and Respect many diverse cultures that enriches Stamford".

**\* Art Event**

Pilar mentioned that it could be done at the Old Town House. There will be paintings, music, dancers and art and crafts.

Eva Weller said to have a big event, to invite the artists but keep in mind that painters don't want to leave their paintings. Robert suggested of inviting painters from different countries.

**\* Inventory**

It was not possible to have information about the inventory. Pilar volunteered to conduct the inventory.

**New Business**

It was suggested to prepare as soon as possible the banner and the flyer/cards.

Also, it was suggested to have a new email address for the MMCS. The Chair, Vice-chair and Secretary will have access to it.

**Open Discussion:**

- Nino informed that the group from the Polish Church decided to send a represent.
- The Jewish Community Center of Stamford is having their 100 Commemoration for people who live in the area October 30<sup>th</sup> to November 6<sup>th</sup>.
- The MMCS picnic will take place on Thursday August 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm. The place will be announced.
- Pilar informed the amount of \$15.000 was approved as the MMCS budget.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held at the Government Center on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 6:00pm - 10th Floor

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Submitted by

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Secretary