

**Mayor's Multicultural Council**  
Meeting Minutes  
September 22, 2014

**Opening:**

The regular meeting of the MMC was called to order at 6:09 p.m. on September 22, 2014 on the 10<sup>th</sup> floor conference room located at 888 Washington Blvd., Stamford, CT by: Jere Eaton.

**Present:** Nino Antonelli, Meera Banta, Sandra Barrett, Tom Bellete, Jere Eaton, Arbis Faustin, Robert Figueroa, Jeanne Franklin, Deborah Goldberg, Jenefeness Houston, John Mallozzi, Shelly Nichani, Eva Padilla, Pilar, Pelaez, Galdino Velasco,

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes for August 26, 2014 were approved and accepted

**Introduction of Guests:**

Alex Virvo; Kids Draw Free and get a discount at restaurant  
Ingemar Heredia; interested in becoming involved  
Jose Casco; interested in assisting  
Quentin Phipps; Stamford Charter Schools

**Chairperson's Report:**

- Vacancies four resigned Gloria, Lushe, Oksana and Jules
- Were 25 active members during last term
- There needs to be guidelines/charter and possibly retreat; need to be flexible
- Eva will help with the retreat
- Columbus Day parade – October 12, 2014 at 1:00 @ Sacred Heart Church to Columbus Park

**Election of Vice Chair:**

Pilar Peleaz was voted in as vice-chair with all in favor and none abstained.

**Old Business:**

- Children's Parade and International Day; October 18, 2014 rain date October 19, 2014; coordinated with Board of Education; Cummings Park from 6 am – 6 pm; flyers available in English and Spanish; each member should distribute flyers; food trucks available; name and contact numbers of dance groups needed by 9/24
  - budget is currently \$9,300; over by \$2,300; need to reduce the budgetary items; sub-committee will meet to discuss donations and reduce the costs; t-shirt orders was discussed and will be addressed during the sub-committee meeting
- Prayer for Peace Walk; few members participated; would like more coordination if there is participation next year
- Multicultural Calendar; Jere will update website and social media as she received flyers and information from the committee members. October is Latino Heritage Month. There are a few events listed below under "Open Discussion" that will be added to the calendar.
- House of Worship; city is most segregated on weekends; we need to come together. Debbie is coordinating; she has developed a schedule for October, November, December and January, which will be shared electronically
- Mission Statement / Guidelines / Roles and Expectations are being developed by a sub-committee

**New Business:**

- Team Building Retreat; Eva and Eva will assist Jere
- Multicultural events every month should be publicized and attended by the council members – MLK, Black History, Women, Latinos, Senior Citizens
- Stamford Citywide All About Education Day; more details will be shared electronically

**Open Discussion:**

Raise the Flag event on 9/14; there was a clown at the end – better plans for next year  
Latino Foundation/ Ferguson Library – Hispanic Heritage Month; recognize 3 achievers – Oct. 12  
Haitian Author Book Fair; Ferguson Library – Oct. 11 @ 11  
Oldest Haitian Television Program – 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – St Cecelia Church @ 6pm  
Jewish Arts and Film Festival; Oct 25 – Nov 9  
Columbus Day parade; Stamford Oct 12, then Fair at Columbus Park  
Hispanic Heritage Health Fair; DOMUS Oct 18  
Eastside Neighborhood Meeting; Sept 29  
Neighbors Link; Graduation; free classes  
Indian event, Oct 18 5pm – 9pm cost \$10  
Family Fun Day, Oct 13; Seventh Day Adventist Church  
Equador Kids Drawing @ Neighbors Link  
Art Show; September 28

The group took a combined photograph and the officers (Chair, AVice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary) took a photo as well.

**Next month's meeting:** October 27, 2014

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.