

Mayor's Multicultural Council of Stamford  
May 23, 2016  
Mayor's Conference Room – 10th Floor

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Pilar Pelaez, Roberto Figueroa, Nino Antonelli, Paul Isla, Shelly Nichani, Leila Y. Montier, Eva Weller, Deborah Goldberg, Meera Banta, Jere Eaton, and Ana Gallegos.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pilar Pelaez at 6:05 pm.

**Welcome**

\* Chair Pelaez welcomed members to the meeting.

**Review April 18, 2016 Minutes**

\* Minutes were reviewed. The time of the meeting was corrected to 6:00 pm unless previous notification.

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

**Project Updates:**

- Mr. Figueroa and Mr. Antonelli chairs of the Children's Day Parade & International Festival informed the following details:
- Location of the stage inside of the park. Generators for electricity
- It was suggested to reach out to local restaurants and food trucks for participation.
- Public and private schools involvement. Letters will be sent to the schools on time. In addition, it was suggested to add to the left side of the letter, the names of the Board of the MMCS.
- Mrs. Weller will ask if it possible to have the Discovery Trail - United Way.
- Mr. Figueroa requested a list of performers from Pilar, she said that she has the list and it's available as need it.
- About the T-shirts for the event it was suggested do not add the year.
- Roberto and Nino will do the inventory of the items that belong to the MMCS.
- Mr. Figueroa said he would like to purchase the banner before the end of June so we would not loose the budget we currently have, Ms. Pelaez responded that we're waiting for the invoice to submit to the Mayor's office.
- Ms. Pelaez will check about having an email of the MMCS.
- Ms. Montier co-chair of the New Project-Senior Event informed the following:
- Had a meeting with Christina K. Crain, President & Executive Director, and Toni Khan, Coordinator, Elderly Hispanic Program to talk about their Picnic event on September (7th, 8th or 9th) They are requesting a DJ for the picnic from 10:30 to 1:30 pm. Also at the event there will be raffles. Leila asked if some of the members

can be volunteers for the events.

- Ms. Pelaez informed that Eva Padilla called to apologize for not being able to attend the meeting and also about the idea to request to Mayor Martin Davis to Declare "Senior Day". It was agreed to request a Proclamation that will be presented the same day of their picnic.
- Eva Weller suggested to ask Valerie from the Mayor's office if it's OK to have a MMCS headed letter to request sponsorship before the meeting on June 27.

### **New Business**

- It was suggested to check the calendar of events so members can attend and represent the MMCS.
- Another suggestion was to update the web page, Facebook. Ms. Pelaez said that she is working in getting information about the MMCS and events.
- About Projects for the upcoming months Pilar suggested one day of an Art exposition, a possible venue could be the Town Hall.

### **Open Discussion:**

- Event to support Stamford Public Education Foundation (SPEF): Paint & Sip at Pinot's Palette (25 Harbord Point Road) on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 to 9:15pm.
- The interfaith Council with the Ferguson Library and UConn- Stamford will present a Community Catalyst Conversation: Cultivating the Arts on Tuesday, on June 21 at 6:30 pm
- Since the earthquakes rocked Ecuador, Ana is collecting signatures from Ecuadorian members to request the USA government to grant the Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
- The Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Stamford, will host the Maccabi Games and Arts Fest from August 7 – 12, 2016. There is a need of volunteers.
- Stamford Small Business Resource Forum on June 17. The goal is to introduce the many resources available to assist individuals who are considering starting a business.

### **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held at the Government Center on June 27, 2016 at 6:00pm - 10th Floor

### **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by

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Secretary