

## Mayor's Multicultural Council

Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2013

### Opening:

The regular meeting of the MMCC was called to order at 6:45 p.m. on March 11, 2013 on the 10<sup>th</sup> floor conference room located at 888 Washington Blvd., Stamford, CT by Chair – Nino Antonelli.

**Present:** Jeanne Franklin, Debra Goldberg, Goitom Beuete, Meera Benta, Paul Isla, Ramon Bentley, Galdino Velasco, Mayra Rios, John Mallozzi, Jere Eaton and Sandra Barrett.

**Excused:** Rolita James

### A. Approval of Minutes

**Voted 2 – 2013:** Accept February's minutes.

### B. Chairman's Report

- The International Women's weekend @ the Sheraton Hotel was successful
- Information regarding activities in the city can be found on the city's website and can be posted to the MMCC website as well

### C. Old Business

- May 2, 2013 is the grand opening of the Mill River park
- Tentative date for the festival is June 22. This will include a children's parade which will change from the South End
- Flags polls are going up – need to purchase arms for the polls
- Sister City – delegation to Peru is on hold due to political unrest in Lima; still waiting on request letters from Ecuador, Morocco and Ukraine; Italy – Rose and Gravina letters were received, waiting to hear from organization
- Intake – cancelled due to inclement weather, reschedule for 2/24/13. Angie will be at next meeting
- Gate Keeper movie – still being edited

### D. New Business

- Milton likes the idea of the International Festival and concert– need permit for vendors
- Moroccans – looking to have another concert – suggestions to join with the International Festival

- Committee members for festival planning – Mayra Rios, Meera Benta, Ramon Bentley and Galdino Velsco
- Need to find additional ways of raising funds to purchase the flags
- Jeanne and Debra – Mission statement for MMCC – will be distributed for feedback so final statement can be presented at next meeting
- My Neighbors Faith in high school – Ramon will bring to the next meeting videos the kids putting together on their video diaries – 16 kids on this project

#### **E. Open discussion**

- Galdino – Latino Foundation of Stamford to promote culture and language in the USA
- Paul – First County Bank is still accepting application for foundation grants
- Board of Education is holding a public hearing forum to eliminate some of the Federal holidays on 3/12 @ 7:00p.m., 5<sup>th</sup> floor
- Upcoming events (see attached)

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. by Chair. The next general meeting will be at 6:30 on April 22, 2013.

#### Up coming events

- March 16, 2013 – St. Patty’s Day Irish event
- March 21, 2013 – Interfaith Council & Temple Beth El – Seder @ 7:00p.m.
- March 23, 2013 – AITE, Stone Soup (fair on education) @ 9:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- April 7, 2013 – Commemoration of Yom Hashoah
- April 13, 2013 – Jackie Robinson – The True Story of an American Legend