

CITY OF PLANO
MULTICULTURAL OUTREACH ROUNDTABLE (MCOR) MEETING
Training Room A, Plano Municipal Center, 1520 K Avenue

Minutes of the Meeting – September 8, 2009

Attendees:

Co-Chairs

Dr. Chris Parr	Mary Alice Garza	Shaheen Salam	
Rhonda Buros	Graciela Katzer	Nuray Fuller	Madan Goyal
David Hall	Dan Robertson	Alex Williams	Jon Liu
Jacqueline Bruncke Thompson			

City Staff

Dee Dee Falls

I. Welcome to Attendees

MCOR Co-chair Chris Parr opened the meeting and welcomed participants. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. Comments from the Public

Madan Goyal announced that on October 4, 2009 a Diwali celebration will be taking place at the new Cowboys Stadium in Arlington. Diwali is an Indian celebration and more than 80,000 people are expected to attend the event at the stadium.

III. Reading, Amendment and Approval of Minutes

Madan Goyal moved that the minutes of the August meeting be approved. Mary Alice Garza seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by all present at the meeting.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Citizenship Workshop Committee

Rhonda Buros reported that both April 17th and April 24th were available for this meeting and after discussion it was decided to proceed with this meeting on April 17th at PISD's Sockwell Center. More details will be discussed in future meetings.

B. Cultural Affairs Committee

Graciela Katzer reported on the great success and positive comments regarding the MCOR Reception on August 27th at the Center for American and International Law. There was a large turnout and as a result the Plano International Festival gathered information from several groups interested in becoming sponsors of the event.

C. Government Participation Committee

No report.

D. Membership Committee:

Nuray Fuller reported that the committee is hoping to hold a "Holidays Around the World" meeting in place of the regular December business meeting. They are working on a venue

and other details. The committee also suggests that special topics be presented every other month during the MCOR regular meetings and will be looking at setting up speakers to present the topics.

E. MCOR Reception Committee

See Ms. Katzer's report under B. Cultural Affairs Committee on page 1 of these minutes.

F. Recreation Committee

Jon Liu reported that it has not been decided on whether or not to have part 2 of the World Peace Table Tennis Tournament this year. Because of past overcrowding it was earlier thought that having the tournament in two parts, once in the spring and once in the fall would be more beneficial for the participants and the community, but the downturn in the economy may affect participation and the committee may wait until 2010 to resume the tournament.

V. Items for future agendas

None presented.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m.

Jian Li
MCOR Secretary