

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

Minutes of the Meeting – October 13, 2009

Attendees:

Co-Chairs

Dr. Chris Parr	Jian Li	Shaheen Salam	Alex Williams
Mike Agan	Graciela Katzer	Bob Shimmin	Madan Goyal
Ralph Williams	Cesar Ruiz	Zia Shamsey	

City Staff

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I. Welcome to Attendees

MCOR Co-chair Jian Li opened the meeting and welcomed participants. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. Comments from the Public

Bob Shimmin spoke regarding the CCGLA. He is the new Vice President and after the City elections this year he and fellow member Morris Garcia met with Mayor Dyer to speak about CCGLA and its relationship with the city. Mr. Shimmin wants to become more active in MCOR and is asking for the group's support as he and CCGLA move forward in becoming more involved with the community.

Ralph Williams spoke about the possibility of the City turning over the Douglass Center to the Boys and Girls Club for them to run it. He is opposed to this and he and other members of his community have met with City leaders to try to come up with an alternative to this move. He wants the City to continue to operate the Center and is asking for MCOR's support in this effort.

III. Reading, Amendment and Approval of Minutes

Chris Parr moved that the minutes of the September meeting be approved. Graciela Katzer seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by all present at the meeting.

IV. Dr. Tom Rodgers, Vice President/Provost, Spring Creek Campus, Collin College will present information on diversity and current outreach initiatives at Collin College.

Dr. Rodgers presented a PowerPoint regarding the variety of involvement that Collin College has with area schools, Chambers of Commerce and other community organizations regarding diversity. Collin College's service area is all of Collin County and parts of Rockwall and Denton County and the College strives to stay active in all areas. They interact with the school districts in presenting programs to get kids interested in attending college and are also involved in presenting cultural exhibits and will come out to speak and do presentations upon request. One of their Core Values listed is "Continuing adult education programs for academic, professional, occupational and **cultural enhancement**". Dr. Rodgers spoke about these core values and about the statistics regarding the ethnicity and gender of College employees and students. Collin College is one of the top employers in Collin County and as

such feels a responsibility to be proactive in engaging with area organizations to promote its core values in hopes of encouraging people from all backgrounds to continue their education.

V. Committee Reports

A. Citizenship Workshop Committee

No Report

B. Cultural Affairs Committee

Graciela Katzer reported on the great success of the Plano International Festival, citing that there was an estimated 12,000 people at the event and that several media sources had filmed and reported on the Festival. She reported that the art exhibit connected to the Festival was a success as well.

i. December MCOR “Potluck” meeting discussion

More to come on this event at the November MCOR meeting

C. Government Participation Committee

No report at this time.

i. 2010 National of Prayer discussion

No report at this time

D. Membership Committee:

No report at this time.

E. Recreation Committee

Chris Parr reported that he spoke to the Vibha organization and they will attend the November MCOR meeting and discuss kite flying and cricket events they will be sponsoring. They would like to partner with MCOR in promoting these and other event in Plano.

VI. Items for future agendas

Bob Shimmin asked that further discussion of what MCOR could do to support the CCGLA be placed on a future agenda.

Ralph Williams asked that further discussion of the future of the Douglass Center be placed on a future agenda.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Jian Li
MCOR Secretary