

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

**Minutes of the Meeting – January 8, 2008**

**Attendees:**

**Co-Chairs:**

Dr. Christopher Parr  
Mary Alice Garza  
Jian Li

Nuray Fuller  
Brenda Hoffman  
Deborah Angell Smith  
Madan Goyal

Zia Shamsy  
Chi Chi Hoquee  
Jacqueline Scimemi  
Lee Holcombe

Jaffar Naqvi  
Graciela Katzer  
Jay Forte

**City Staff:**

Bruce Glasscock  
Dee Dee Falls

**City Council:**

Loretta Ellerbe

**I. Welcome**

Mary Alice Garza, co-chair of MCOR, welcomed the group.

**II. Introduction of New Members**

All attendees introduced themselves.

**III. Comments from the Public**

Mary Alice asked if there were any comments from the public and Deborah Angell Smith commended Dr. Chris Parr on the MCOR website work and upkeep of the calendar. Martin Luther King Jr. events, which will occur on January 19-24, 2008, will be placed on the Plano MCOR calendar, which can be accessed through [www.planomcor.org](http://www.planomcor.org) and more can be learned about these events by logging on to [www.planomlk.org](http://www.planomlk.org).

**IV. Reading, Amendment and Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Chris Parr moved to approve the minutes from the 12-11-07 meeting; this was seconded by Nuray Fuller. The minutes were approved by all present at the meeting.

**V. Committee Reports**

**a. Report from the Cultural Affairs Committee**

Jacqueline Scimemi reported that the committee would like to make the recent reception an annual event and the committee will begin working on putting together a similar event, perhaps earlier in the year so there will be some time between it and the Plano International Festival (PIF). Ideas for the reception include having a roundtable discussion with community leaders and/or setting up a follow up event to the last reception on a particular topic. Due to a possible change in the date of the PIF a date for the reception is yet to be announced.

**b. Report from the Government Participation Committee**

Jay Forte said that a \$5 million grant has been awarded to the Dallas Convention and Visitor's Bureau (CVB) and the Ft. Worth CVB to market DFW Airport as the

"Gateway to America" in Latin America and Asia. Jay is working to get Mayor Evans and the Plano CVB together to explore the potential impact on Plano.

**c. Report from the Membership Committee:**

No report from this committee.

**d. Report from National Day of Prayer Committee:**

Dr. Chris Parr reported that there had been a meeting of this committee and that the "Plano Profile" attended. Lee Holcombe is to work with the City to coordinate the event and has responsibility for outreach to Shiloh Baptist Church. Jian Li is responsible for contacting groups including those representing Buddhist and Baha'i faiths as well as contacting someone to perform Indian music. Dr. Parr will be responsible for music from Collin County Community College as well as coordinating the PowerPoint presentation to be shown at the event. Mary Alice Garza will assist in sending out "participation" forms to different groups to get an idea of who may be attending. Jan Sullivan, a Fire Department Chaplain, will be the moderator and has secured the color guard. Plano Profile will run a story and provide some publicity. The goal is to have about 10-15 different faiths/organizations represented. This event will occur in the Council Chambers at 1520 Avenue K on Thursday, May 1, 2008 at noon and is scheduled to last one hour.

**e. Report from the Recreation Committee:**

No report from this committee.

**VI. Update on Ideas for Future MCOR Meetings**

Jacqueline Scimemi said that she would make some inquiries with the Collin County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to see if they would be interested in hosting or sponsoring an MCOR meeting in March and providing the refreshments, speaker(s) and topic(s). This would be one of the quarterly meetings mentioned in past MCOR meetings that would take the place of one of the regular monthly gatherings. Jacqueline will contact Jian Li with any further developments on this idea. Further details will be brought forth at the next MCOR meeting.

**VIII. Items for future agendas**

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at 7 p.m. in the Program Room at Parr Library, 6200 Windhaven Parkway.

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Jian Li  
MCOR Secretary