

**CITY OF PLANO  
MULTICULTURAL OUTREACH MEETING**

**Minutes of the Meeting  
March 8, 2005 7:00 p.m.  
Mexi-Go's Restaurant & Grill – 6205 Coit Road, Plano**

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**Attendees:**

Co-Chair: Christopher A. Parr, PhD.	Co-Chair: Coty Rodrigez Anderson	
Abraham Biadgelgne	Jay Forte	Nuray Fuller
Charles Harris	Alan Johnson	Rosalinda Martinez
Dawnetta Miller	Christine Phipps	John Phipps
Cecilia Prada	Rene Rodriguez	Ben Thomas
Julie Ann Turner		

City Council/Staff Present:

Cindy Potrykus

**Handouts**

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- Agenda for Meeting
  - Minutes of the MCOR Meeting for February 8, 2005
  - Minutes of the PIFC Meeting for February 25, 2005
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**I. Public Comments**

At 7:15 p.m., Ms. Coty Rodriguez Anderson invited any observers to make comments to the Multicultural Roundtable. No comments were made.

**II. Welcome and Introduction of New Members**

Ms. Coty Rodriguez Anderson welcomed everyone. There were a few new members in attendance therefore Ms. Rodriguez Anderson also briefly explained the mission of MCOR and the 5 original sub-committees of the group. She then asked members to briefly introduce themselves.

**III. Approval of Minutes of February 8, 2005 Meeting**

Dr. Parr motioned to approve the February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, Abraham Biadgelgne seconded the motion, and all present favored approval.

**IV. MCOR Sub Committee Reports**

**Sub Committee #1 – Recreation**

No report was made by this Sub Committee, however Ms. Rodriguez Anderson reminded everyone that MCOR agreed at the last meeting to sponsor and support the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual World

Peace Table Tennis Tournament scheduled in May, 2005. Ms. Rodriguez Anderson mentioned Thomas Tsang will have more information regarding this event in the coming months.

**Sub Committee #2 – Diversity and Cultural Affairs**

Ms. Rodriguez Anderson reported that the idea of the Plano International Festival originated with this Sub Committee and that its members are working in conjunction with the newly formed Plano International Festival Corporation toward making the upcoming festival a success.

**Sub Committee #3 – Direct Services to New Residents**

No report.

**Sub Committee #4 – City Government Participation**

No activity reported this month. Dr. Parr, chair for this sub committee, was tasked with focusing his efforts on the establishment of the Plano International Festival Corporation.

**Sub Committee #5 – Homeland Security**

Chair Ben Thomas reported that he represented the Homeland Security sub committee in attendance to a safety presentation by the Plano Police Department on February 23 held at the Douglass Center. The presentation was arranged in the aftermath of a bomb device scare that occurred at 10<sup>th</sup> and Southwestern Streets earlier in the year. The Police Department's presentation focused on bomb recognition and safety. The department also performed a demonstration of the bomb robot during the meeting.

**Membership/Program, Recruiting and Retention Sub Committee**

Chair Nuray Fuller solicited suggestions from the group for the setting and special program of the next meeting. Dr. Parr suggested that MCOR patronize those restaurants that donated and assisted in the MCOR Reception at the ArtCentre in 2003. The Membership and Program Sub committee will look at those restaurants and decide upon the next meeting location. A notice will be sent to membership a couple of weeks prior to the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting date. The group also agreed and asked Ms. Julie Ann Turner to make a presentation regarding her program, *Orbits of Influence*, at the next meeting.

**V. Report from Plano International Festival Corporation (PIFC)**

Members of the Plano International Festival Corporation (PIFC) met on February 25, 2005 and approved the bylaws of the Corporation. Copies of the approved by-laws, as well as the Certificate of Incorporation, can be obtained by emailing a request to Dr. Parr at [drcaparr@aol.com](mailto:drcaparr@aol.com).

Officers of PIFC were appointed and are as follows:

President:	Rafael Gutierrez
VP:	Andrey Vakulenko
VP Event Mgmt:	Anisa Adem
Treasurer:	Thomas Tsang
Secretary:	Jian Li
Board Member:	Abraham Biadgelgne

Dr. Parr explained that he will be submitting estimated budgets for PIFC for the next 2 years to the IRS to meet 501c 3 filing requirements. Dr. Parr mentioned the rough estimate to host the Plano International Festival is \$17,000 per year. The City of Plano has contributed \$11,000 toward this event this fiscal year, thus \$6,000 must be raised for the success of the upcoming event.

Dr. Parr informed the group there is a \$500 filing fee required to accompany the paperwork for 501 c 3 status with the federal government. He asked the group for approval to use \$500 of the \$2000 currently in the MCOR account. (The \$2000 was provided to MCOR by the City for dedication toward the 2004 Plano International Festival that did not occur. However the City has agreed these funds can remain with MCOR for use at its discretion this fiscal year.)

Abraham Biadgelgne motioned that \$500 from MCOR's bank account be used for the filing fee to obtain PIFC's 501c3 status with the federal government. Nuray Fuller seconded the motion and all present approved.

Dr. Parr also mentioned that he is working with MCOR member Khatina Wahab regarding the creation of a web site for PIFC. Dr. Parr informed the group that a web site is also a requirement of the federal government for 501c3 status. Once PIFC has a created a web site, Administrative staff person Cindy Potrykus will explore the possibility of linking the PIFC site to the City's MCOR web page.

#### **VI. Adjournment and Next Meeting**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next meeting is set for April 12, 2005 at 7 p.m. – location to be determined.

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Jian Li  
MCOR Secretary