

**CITY OF PLANO
MULTICULTURAL OUTREACH MEETING**

Municipal Center- Training Room A

**Minutes of the Meeting
September 12, 2006**

Attendees:

Co-Chair: Dr. Christopher Parr

Secretary: Jian Li

Basit Siddiqui

Jay Forte

Mary Alice Garza

Maya Monroe

Jay Forte

Romesh Daftary

Graciela Katzer

Cecilia Prada

Cory Mageors

Deborah Angell Smith

Jon Liu

Kem Rahman

Dawnetta Miller

City Staff present:

Dee Dee Davis

Handouts

- Agenda for Meeting
- Minutes from August 8, 2006 MCOR meeting
- Draft of MCOR Web Policy

I. Welcome

Dr. Chris Parr, co-chair of MCOR, welcomed the group and asked attendees to introduce themselves.

II. Comments from the public

Dr. Chris Parr asked if there were any public comments and there were none.

III. Introduction of New Members

All members and several new visitors were asked to introduce themselves.

IV. Reading, Amendment and Approval of Minutes

Deborah Angell-Smith moved to approve the minutes; this was seconded by Jian Li. The minutes were approved by all present at the meeting

V. Committee Reports

a. Report from the Web Committees

i. Policy and Procedures

Mary Alice Garza reported that the City Attorney's Office had reviewed and revised the draft of the Web Policies and Procedures that had been presented to her office. The City Attorney added a "no privacy" paragraph and the revised draft is attached. This amended document was approved at this meeting for use by MCOR, and will form part of the funding proposal to the City.

ii. Design

Dr. Parr is in communication with the web site coordinator and with available MCOR funds a non-interactive site can be set up as a boiler plate until funding from the City is decided upon. The City will consider funding the website and its maintenances if it approved. All information concerning this will be sent to the City in the form of a proposal for funding.

b. Report from the Cultural Affairs Committee

Co-Chairs: Dawnetta Miller and Frozina Goussak (not present)

Dawnetta reported that they are working on a listing of organizations that serve diverse communities along with a list of important observances and religious/ethnic holidays for informational purposes.

Graciela Katzer gave an update on the Plano International Festival and said that posters have been distributed and posted at PISD facilities, Recreation Centers, Libraries, DART, downtown shops and sponsors. The Plano Profile magazine has an article on the festival and flyers are almost ready for distribution. All advertisements have been translated into Spanish and Chinese and applications for sponsors are still being accepted. There are needs in the area of the Food Court and Cultural Booths and a Facilities Coordinator is being sought.

c. Report from New Residents Committee:

Co-Chairs: Marta Canadas (not present) and Maya Monroe

Maya Monroe reported that the committee had met and reviewed their goals and will currently be focusing on three of the objectives:

- They would like to focus on identifying all cultural groups and key people in those groups through working with churches, PISD, libraries, etc.
- They would like to identify the needs of each cultural group, possibly by using forms to be sent out requesting special needs and/or concerns of each group. This would be similar to a survey.

- They would like to set up quarterly orientations to inform new residents of how Plano works.

It was mentioned that there is a newcomers club, similar to a "welcome wagon" located in Plano. Maya will contact the City and different organizations for information on how to get names of new residents.

The committee will meet again in the future to discuss how to reach their goals.

**d. Report from Government Participation Committee:
Co-Chairs: Basit Siddiqui and Jay Forte**

Basit Siddiqui reported a successful event in the showing of "American Ramadan" on Saturday, September 9, 2006. Many attendees were introduced to MCOR for the first time. He also passed around an article and pictures from the showing of the documentary. Another short film shot by the same gentleman was previewed to some attendees of the "American Ramadan" screening and Jay Forte was among those who saw it and he encouraged MCOR to sponsor an event for the screening of this second film which is a world travel video and is very informative and entertaining.

Jay Forte also said that the new director of the FBI in Dallas is very receptive to a "meet and greet" even to be scheduled prior to the Thanksgiving holiday and will be looking into that.

e. Update on Recreation Committee

Jon Liu, who has been involved with the World Peace Table Tennis Tournament along with former Recreation Committee Chairman Thomas Tsang was in attendance and accepted the position of new Chairman of the Recreation Committee.

VI. Items for Future Agendas

Current and new subcommittee chairpersons and goals will be discussed and updated.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 10, 2006, 7-9 p.m. at the Schimelpfenig Program Room, 5024 Custer Road.

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Web policy of the Multicultural Outreach Roundtable "MCOR"

The purpose of the website is to provide information about the activities of MCOR. The website will be controlled by the web manager subject to compliance with the policies and procedures adopted by the chairs of MCOR.

The website's primary purpose is to provide information regarding MCOR's activities, including agendas, meetings, subcommittee assignments, events, etc. There shall be no posting or links to commercial entities or for political or religious purposes.

The website is to promote the activities of MCOR. Any permission to place links or postings on this site is solely in the discretion of MCOR's assigned representative(s). Third party postings and links may be revised or deleted at any time with or without notice. Third parties have no right to use or maintain information on this website.

Posting of information and links to other web pages from the MCOR website by third parties is limited to the following groups of users and categories of information:

1. Other governmental agencies that are operating in the United States.
2. Information and class schedules for instruction in English and citizenship. Non-religious academic tutoring for students and adults, including time and location when offered by religious and non-profit entities. No additional information is permitted that is beyond the scope of the information noted above.
3. Events for which the MCOR is a participant, i.e. festivals and other public events. These include cultural events whose major theme is to promote awareness and understanding of the unique practices and customs of their society through an inclusive approach.
4. Information from non-profit organizations that identify programs offered on diversity and cultural events whose major theme is to promote awareness and understanding of the unique practices and customs of a society through an inclusive approach.

The MCOR representatives reserve the right to:

Deny or discontinue any link or posting if it provides false, misleading, illegal, libelous, or incorrect information; and

Revise this policy without further notice.

NO PRIVACY PROTECTION

The MCOR web site is supported by public funds and resources as part of the City of Plano operations. As a result, any information on the website, links and information (including personal identifying information) that is sent, received or stored as a result of going to the site is subject to the provisions of the Texas Public Information Act and may be disclosed as required by this law. Because of this Act, MCOR and the City of Plano **cannot** provide any privacy guarantees to those who interact with the website as the information sent or received, including inquiries may be deemed public information.