

**Town of Miami Lakes
Cultural Affairs Committee
Zoom meeting on June 22, 2020
Minutes**

Call to order: Zoom meeting called to order by Neill Robinson at 3:45 p.m.

Roll Call: Neill Robinson, Felicia Salazar, Elsa Reus, Diana Soto, Suzanne Choopani, Mirelis Castilla, Edgar Alba, Bunny Pachen, Charles James, Karla Acosta, William Sanchez (Town's Liaison), Clarisell de Cardenas, Town of Miami Lakes, Major Javier Ruiz.

Adoption of Minutes: The minutes of the Cultural Affairs Committee Zoom Meeting on June 2, 2020, to be approved. Motion by Suzanne/Mirelis seconded/approved unanimously.

Old Business:

- **ML Cultural Center "White Paper" Document Update**
Neill spoke with Town Manager and he found no problems with the "White Paper" document presented to him. The Town Manager will present the document to the Town Council at the next Town Hall Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- **CAC 20-2021 Budget Priorities**
Neill discussed the possibility of the opening of the Town Hall Chamber for Hispanic Heritage Celebration in October. A motion was made to Celebrate, in October, Hispanic Heritage celebrating the country of Spain, the mother country, as a first choice and Mexico as the second choice. Motion made by Felicia/seconded by Mirelis/approved unanimously.
Motion made to hold **Concert on the Green at Shula's Golf Course in November**.
Motion made by Suzanne/seconded by Elsa/approved unanimously.
Motion made to hold the **Holiday Book Reading at the Main Street Theatre** either December 6 or December 13. Motion made by Elsa/seconded by Suzanne/Approved unanimously.
Neill suggested to the CAC to bring back the **Martin Luther King Breakfast** on Monday, January 16, 2021. The location to be determined. Further details to be discussed.
- **Allocation & Incumbency of funds from this year's budget**
Neill mentioned that due to the Corona Virus many of the CAC events were not held. Neill said that we have approximately \$24,000 from the budget not spent. William mentioned that the Fourth of July Celebration will have expenses of approximately

\$7,753.00 to be used from the CAC budget. Neill asked William to provide the CAC with the exact funds to be used for the Fourth of July Celebration.

- **CAC Update of Town Council meeting on June 16.**

Neill informed the CAC that he spoke at the Town Council meeting on June 16th regarding the recommendations made by the CAC. He spoke regarding the gathering or vigil, the march, and plaque to be placed at Town Hall. The Town councilmembers agreed that a march at this time, due to the Corona Virus, would not be appropriate. The councilmembers suggested that a virtual vigil would be more appropriate and asked that the CAC come up with a plan.

Major Ruiz spoke to the CAC regarding the assistance and support of the Miami Lakes police department. The Major stated that he will be available to answer any of our questions and concerns.

Elsa made a motion to the CAC to hold a Vigil Virtual Unity Prayer where residents of Miami Lakes along with Miami Lakes religious leaders can come together in prayer for respect and justice for people of all races and the end of violence in our Nation. We will also pray for the end of the Corona Virus and all the people that have died in our nation and world. This unity prayer will set a positive example to other municipalities of how Miami Lakes residents can come together as one to unite our Town and the Nation. The message will be a positive message of Hope, Love, Peace, Harmony and Reconciliation. Motion made by Elsa/Seconded by Felicia/approved unanimously.

The CAC had further discussions regarding the possible dates of July 16/23/30 and a one-hour prayer vigil by Religious Leaders in our Town from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with closing remarks by Mayor Manny Cid.

William to inform the Mayor and determine the date.

Neill also mentioned that the Councilmembers discussed the possibility of flying a Pride flag at Town Hall; however, as stated at the Town Hall meeting due to the First Amendment rights the Town will then have to fly other flags if requested from other organizations.

The Council members suggested a possible art show next year in June. A motion was made to table this item to be discussed in the future with most of the CAC members present. Motion made by Elsa/Seconded by Edgar/approved unanimously.

- **Fourth of July – Virtual photo booth/video production/photo contest for All American BBQ Awards**

Guillermo Dipp, owner of Lightf/x, spoke regarding the cost of the virtual booth.

Guillermo to monitor and delete any photos that would be inappropriate.

A motion made to agree to pay \$620 for the virtual booth for the Fourth of July.

Motion made by Neill/seconded by Felicia/approved unanimously.

The cost for the video with messages from the Town and CAC members and the filming of the fireworks has already been budgeted to cost \$3,500.

The CAC members to meet at the Mary Collins Community Center on June 20 at 1 p.m. to film a message for the Fourth of July.

Photo contest of the best American BBQ on the Fourth of July with a gift card to be presented to the winner.

- **Allocation of funds \$200.00 for the Fishing Tournament Awards**

Motion made by Neill to allocate \$200.00 for the awards presented at the annual fishing tournament. Motion made by Neill/seconded by Mirelis/approved unanimously.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:18 p.m.