

**Town of Miami Lakes  
Cultural Affairs Committee  
Zoom meeting on September 21, 2020  
Minutes**

**Call to order:** Zoom meeting called to order by Neill Robinson at 5:30 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Neill Robinson, Elsa Reus, Charles James, George Lazo, Karla Acosta, Suzanne Choopani, Denise Madan, Mirelis Castilla, Esther Colon, Bunny Patchen, and William Sanchez (Town's Liaison).

**Adoption of Minutes:** The minutes of the Cultural Affairs Committee Zoom Meeting on September 9, 2020, to be approved. Motion by Esther/Mirelis seconded/approved unanimously.

**Public Comments: None**

**Old Business:**

- **Hialeah Women's Club Grant**

Neill explained that Dianne Jauregui, Hialeah Women's Club representative, had asked the CAC members for suggestions to identify a historical site in the Town of Miami Lakes to place a historical marker. A possible site suggested was the Indian Mound. The Women's Club would pay for the marker from the grant. Also, the Hialeah Women's Club will be hosting an art competition for students in Miami Lakes' public and private schools – K-12. Awards will be given to the art students and their artwork displayed. Awards to be paid from the grant.

1. Motion was made that the CAC members work in collaboration with the Hialeah Women's Club to develop a digital flyer to advertise the art competition. Awards to be given to students in public/charter/private schools K-12 in Miami Lakes. Awards will be funded by the grant. Motion made by Mirelis/seconded by Neill/unanimously approved.
2. Motion was made to work with the Hialeah Women's Club to erect a historical landmark in the Town of Miami Lakes. Motion by Mirelis/seconded by Suzanne/unanimously approved.

A subcommittee was set up with Mirelis as Chairperson along with Suzanne and Esther to work with the Hialeah Women's Club on the art competition.

- **CAC Report to the Council**

Neill explained that he reported to the Council the use the remaining CAC funds from the 10/1/19-9/30/20 budget to be used for research and development of the Cultural Affairs Center. This recommendation was denied by the Council since they had not approved the Cultural Affairs Center. Also, Neill reported to the council that the CAC had approved \$3,000 from the CAC budget to purchase the Indian artifact case for Town Hall. The council did not approve it and said that the money for the case had to come from private funding. It appears that Councilman Collazo was able to find a private donor to purchase the artifact case.

- **New Business:**

- **National Hispanic Heritage Month September 15 to October 15, 2020**

Neill asked the committee for ideas to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. Suzanne mentioned the idea of publishing a cookbook with recipes from Abuelas with photos. Elsa mentioned the idea of a car drive thru with food trucks serving Latin Food. Esther mentioned the success of the Elderly Affairs Committee with the car drive thru at NQC. The committee agreed with the location at NQC and the area appropriate for a drive thru. William to contact Mylo, the owner of NQC, to see his availability. George Lazo, to coordinate the entertainment during the event. Mirelis suggested to have stickers with the CAC logo placed on the boxes. A mentioned was made to hire two police officers to direct traffic, etc. during this event. The date of Sunday, September 27 starting at 3:00 p.m. Miami Lakes residents to register on Eventbrite and each ticket will include two family dinners of arroz con pollo/salad/bread/dessert.

Motion was made to approve a drive thru event celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month on Sunday, September 27 at 3 p.m. at NQC restaurant in Miami Lakes. A total of 200 family dinners at \$15 per dinner \$3,750.00, Entertainment \$500, CAC stickers \$250, Two police officers for 3 hours \$405.00. Funds to be allocated from the 10/1/19-9/30/20 CAC budget. \$3,000 to be transferred from the Concert on the Green. Motion made by Esther/seconded by Elsa/unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Esther to amend the initial motion of 200 meals to 300 family meals. Seconded by Elsa/unanimously approved.

**FINAL: 300 FAMILY MEALS AT \$15 PER MEAL (includes Arroz con pollo/salad/bread/dessert in a box from NQC. \$4,500.00. Entertainment \$500 – CAC stickers \$250 -two police officers \$405.00. Total cost \$5,655.00.**

- **Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 653 p.m.