

Nashua Cultural Connections Committee
Minute: March 20, 2018
Room 208, City Hall

In Attendance: Deepa Mangalat, Samba Halkose, Jenn Hosking, Lauren Osowski, Mark Hastbacka, Amanda Martinez, Liz Fitzgerald, Dominique Boutard, Adelina Hernanadez, Patricia Piecuch, Mohammed Mustak, Cecilia Ulibarri, Sylvia Gale (recording Secretary pro tem)

1. Call to Order by Chair- 3:32
2. Sign-in Sheet circulated in lieu of Call Of Roll
3. February Minutes tabled as have not yet been received.
4. Introduction and welcome of Cecilia Ulibarri- new staff person in Mayor's Office who will be Staff Liaison to this Committee in her role as Constituent Services and Multicultural Affairs.
5. Gate City Immigrant Initiative- February 28, 2018 Minutes- Motion to approve was made by Samba and motion was seconded by Sylvia. All was approved as presented.
6. Motion to approve March 20th agenda was made by Jenn Hosking and was seconded by Lauren Osowski. It was approved as presented.
7. Chair Report: Deepa Mangalat

Computer Apps teaching and applications that took place during February School Vacation week was recently presented to Mayor with good results.

As many as 14 students participated in this innovative project and we hope to find ways to expand this program.

Students on their own initiative created several Apps, along guidelines of Community Problem Solving, One app, a "911" app would assist callers in Emergency situations with navigating language and location barriers. Another student-developed App would help newly arrived residents with "Knowing Nashua" helping to find their way around the City to access needed Goods and Services.

Next Quarterly Community Meeting will be held at the Nashua Public Library on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 3:30 pm. In Addition to the Mayor and the Chief of Police, the Superintendent of Nashua Schools will also be invited to attend. Tricia will invite Police Chief and Superintendent of schools.

8. Gate City Immigrant Initiative- Lauren- refer to 2/28 minutes as approved.

9. Nashua Multi-Cultural Welcoming Festival Planning is currently underway. This inaugural event is planned for the Fall, and anyone with any interest in helping in any way is encouraged to reach out to Cecilia in the Mayor's Office as early as possible.

10. New Officers:

According to our By-Laws, we were to have held our Annual Meeting in February, which should have included the Election of New Officers. At least one position, that of Secretary needs to be filled

immediately, as Bernadette Melton-Plante is no longer able or willing to fulfill that role as she has done for more than five years. Given that April will be our Quarterly Community Meeting we will need to revisit the Election of New Officers at our May Meeting. Nominations are open to all members of the Cultural Connections Committee.

11. Announcements:

Samba offered that the Adult Learning Center will be hosting a Jobs and Opportunities Fair at the Center on 4 Lake Street on May 9 and 10

12. Adjourn at 4:42

Respectfully Submitted,
Sylvia Gale