



# Cultural Connections Committee

## **Cultural Connections Committee Meeting Agenda September 18th, 2018, 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM Room 208, City Hall**

### **I. Call To Order : Chair Deepa Mangalat**

*The mission of the Cultural Connections Committee is to encourage understanding and appreciation of Ethnic Diversity in the City of Nashua and to facilitate communication between the ethnic community and city government*

### **11. Roll Call : 3:35pm**

Present: Mark Hastbacka, Nonyem Egbuonu, Carlos Camacho, Samba Halkose, Deepa Mangalat, Kim Kleiner, Jean Adie, Dominique Boutaud, Cecilia Ulibarri

### **111 Minutes to be approved:**

Approval of Minutes of August 21<sup>st</sup> CCC Meeting, motioned by Jean Adie seconded by Carlos Camacho. Motion passes.

### **IV. Report of the Chair and/or Subcommittee**

Chair's Report: Deepa Mangalat

- 1) There will be a meeting tomorrow at 3:30pm to go over feedback and improvements for next year. Event was very successful, lots of publicity

Gate City Immigrant Initiative: Jenn Hosking/Lauren Osowski

### **V. Communications and /or Presentation**

Nonyem Egbuonu :Water Walk outcome

- 1) Nonyem was able to publicized the water walk at the Multicultural Festival

Kim Kleiner: Report on some initiatives under MBK and the Arlington Community Center

- 1) In June, Trish (former volunteer coordinator) registered 75 High School students to vote in Nashua
  - a. This effort was highlighted in Teen Vogue Magazine. Link:

<https://www.teenvogue.com/story/cap-gown-vote-helping-register-eligible-high-school-students>

- 2) Greater Nashua Healthy Collaborative Group presented at Community Center, they passed out handout with all of their events at the center to attendees.
- 3) The Community Center still has some needs:
  - a. Teachers are needed, can be retired teachers, for skill building program, reading and math (grades K-3). Trish Stansfield is the lead on the program.
  - b. Volunteers are needed to staff the center throughout the day. Volunteers must pass background check.
- 4) My Brother's Keeper (MBK) Board had diversity train the trainer training in March with the NH Office of Health Equity. Training was very helpful, and many of the attendees received a grant from the NH Charitable Foundation. 14 people went through this training.
  - a. The attendees are able to train people on diversity and cultural competence. Flyer is attached. Training is available free of charge.
  - b. Deepa suggested to the committee members go through training
  - c. Training can last from 4 to 6 hours, although 6 hours is recommended.

## **VI. Old Business**

### **V11. New Business:**

- 1) Community meeting
  - a. Next one will be with Superintendent of Schools at a later date. Lauren will contact him
    - i. Jenn suggested that we give him so guidelines to help him prepare
    - ii. Jean suggested that we talk about how are schools preparing to meet the rising cultural and ethnic diversity in Nashua
    - iii. Superintendent can talk about the school district's new strategic plan
  - b. Jenn stated that CCC should meet people where they are (go to them), listen, and see how we can help to engage diverse populations and meet their needs

### **V111. Other Business.**

- 1) Next CCC meeting will be in October 15<sup>th</sup>
- 2) Nashua Interfaith Council
  - a. House of Faith Tours
    - i. Opportunity to visit other houses of faith and learn about them
    - ii. Unitarian Universalist – October 14<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm. Location: 58 Lowell St. Nashua, NH 03064
    - iii. St. Phillip Greek Orthodox – October 29<sup>th</sup> 5-7pm. Location: 500 West Hollis St. Nashua, NH 03062

## **1X. Discussion Items**