

**MINUTES
CITY OF WOODSTOCK
CULTURAL AND SOCIAL AWARENESS COMMISSION
October 15, 2013**

The Regular Meeting of the Cultural and Social Awareness Commission of the City of Woodstock was called to order at 10:35AM on Tuesday, October 15, 2013, by Chairperson Laurie Crain in the Council Chambers at Woodstock City Hall, 121 West Calhoun, Woodstock, Illinois. A roll call was taken by Chief Deputy Clerk Cindy Smiley.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Jose Rivera, Ivy Sagrado, Alex Mitchell, and Chairperson Laura Crain.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: John Hudson

OTHERS PRESENT: Human Resources Director Deborah Schober and Chief Deputy City Clerk Cindy Smiley.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by I. Sagrado, second by J. Rivera, to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2013 meeting as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Mitchell, Rivera, Sagrado, and Chairperson Crain. Nays: none. Absentees: Hudson. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

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Ivy Sagrado reported on their recent trip to Zacatecas, detailing for the Commission more about the business exchange between Zacatecas and Woodstock. She exhibited some of the items that will be sold at Seasons By Peg, including scarves, chocolates, jewelry, and purses.

J. Rivera stated that he is working with the Mayor to bring four firefighters to Woodstock to train with the Woodstock Fire Rescue District. Mr. Rivera expanded on this program, stating the firefighters will spend ten days in training. He then discussed a program that would bring administrators from Zacatecas to work with Woodstock's administrators.

J. Rivera then stated that the Zacatecas Municipal Band will probably return to Woodstock.

NEW AMERICANS' INITIATIVE

L. Crain stated she has made no progress on contacting those involved with the program. It is her wish to hold the program in the Spring of 2014 and will work toward that. She noted that it will require that all members of the Commission be in attendance to facilitate this program. It is her wish that City and County employees will help with the "leg work." She suggested either April 19 or April 26 and stated she would like to have a meeting with key people including Maggie Rivera, the State's Attorney's office, and

Ramon Sagrado of Immigration. She stated she will reach out to these people to set up an organizational meeting and will e-mail updates through D. Schober. She also suggested May 10 and May 31 as possible dates.

Ms. Crain described the program and the process for the Commission.

2014 MEETING DATES

Motion by I. Sagrado, second by J. Rivera, to approve the following meetings dates for 2014:

January 6, 2014
April 7, 2014
July 7, 2014
October 6, 2014

A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Mitchell, Rivera, Sagrado, and Chairperson Crain. Nays: none. Absentees: Hudson. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

Ms. Crain verified that the next meeting of the Commission will be on January 6, 2014 at 6:30PM in the Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by L. Crain, second by J. Rivera, to adjourn this Regular Meeting of the Cultural and Social Awareness Commission to the next Regular Meeting on Monday, January 6, 2014 at 6:30PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Ayes: A. Mitchell, J. Rivera, I. Sagrado, and Chairperson L. Crain. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absentees: J. Hudson. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:15AM

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Smiley
Chief Deputy Clerk