

VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES
CULTURAL AWARENESS COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday September 3, 2024

7:15pm – Conference Room – Village Hall – Also virtually via GoToMeeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kathryn McCord called the meeting to order at 7:17 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ximena Atristain-Bigurra Stefania Chicaiza Susan Cooper Sandra Lahoz Kathryn McCord Arlene Montanez Bonnie Wurster	Jean Stone - excused
Staff Liaison – Patrick Seger Staff Liaison – Cathy Doczekalski	
Public – Adelita de Molina Zeir	

(No virtual attendees).

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from August 6, 2024

The minutes from August 6, 2024 not having been submitted, Bonnie made a motion to table the approval until the minutes are received. Voice vote; all in favor.

Ximena said she had not submitted the minutes due to her father's passing and will submit them for approval during the October 2024 meeting.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Adelita said she is at the meeting as Hispanic Heritage Day Fiesta was coming up and she has a dance group. Ximena said she is trying for other dance groups such as a tango group from Argentina and a group from the Dominican Republic. Ximena will let Adelita know by September 16th if her group will perform at Hispanic Heritage Day. Adelita said that it is fine to take another group instead of hers.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Hispanic Heritage Day Fiesta

Entertainment

Patrick said to give Hallie the names of the entertainment groups and their contact information in order to finalize their contracts.

Ximena said these are the likely entertainment groups -- Renacer Boliviano Dance Troupe, Grupo Quetzal, an Ecuadorian group (through Jenny) and a tango Argentinian group – but the list is not finalized. She might also have a group from the Dominican Republic

Ximena mentioned Lucrezia Tomachek (Argentinian, from District 54) might join CAC.

The video (created by the Commission/Hoffman Estates; with commissioners and a community member speaking about Hispanic culture) was played. Commissioners said they liked it. It will be played on Hispanic Heritage Day instead of bringing in a speaker.

Sequence/Order of Events

Ximena said this will be the sequence/order of events:

2 to 2:30 – Welcome and kids' activity

2:30 – Food served and eaten while Jose entertains

2:50/55 – Mayor speaks

2:55 – Appreciation of and award given to Minerva Milford, ex-Commissioner

3 – Video played (video created by the Commission/Hoffman Estates; with community members speaking about Hispanic culture).

3:30 – entertainment – dances by four groups

4:15 – piñata

Menu

Kathryn said that she had spoken to Valli for 10 packs of guacamole and for 75 pork tamales, and 75 chicken tamales. Prices would be same as last year.

Ximena said the bakery would provide 100 churros. Last year, each had cost \$1.25 but the price has gone up now.

Ximena also mentioned the following food would be served –

80 pupusas from Cheros

75 chicken and 75 beef empanadas from Lenos

Puerto Rican rice from Tony's but she would have to talk to them in person to discuss the order as they do only Uber orders now.

Arlene said she will pick up the food from Valli. Stefania's husband will also help pick up food.

Other matters

Candy and toys need to be purchased for the piñata.

The park district will provide bags and material for kids to color.

The library will provide a craft.

Susan will buy 40 tablecloths in different colors from the dollar store.

Decorations were discussed. Stefania suggested a few arrangements. Patrick said we would have to commit to the time and work for decorations. Ximena said to keep decorations simple -- vases with flags representing Latin American countries; also hang banners with Latin American national flags by the windows and use paper flowers.

Arlene agreed to price the flags at Amazon and Oriental Trading Company.

The flier in English was approved. Sandra will translate into Spanish.

Ximena asked Stefania to be the emcee until the mayor's speech after which Ximena would be the emcee. Stefania agreed.

Kathryn read the letter from the Commission inviting Minerva (to be appreciated and receive the certificate at Hispanic Heritage Day) and read Minerva's acceptance.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

MLK Day and Black History Month Day

Patrick said the write-up for the Citizen newsletter is due in November.

Kathryn asked Bonnie if she would be a leader or co-leader with her (Kathryn) if we had two leaders run MLK and Black History Month. Bonnie declined.

Ximena said we could ask Jean if she was interested in chairing these events.

Sandra said she has a speaker in mind for MLK Day – Tony Bradburn.

Entertainment is needed. Kingdom Theater was mentioned.

Adelita said we could contact Hanover Park as they have suitable speakers through their sister cities program.

MLK Day will be on 1/20/2025 and Black History Month Day could be on 2/22/2025.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Kathryn and seconded by Bonnie to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote: all in favor. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Minutes submitted by Susan Cooper on September 4th, 2024

The next meeting of the Cultural Awareness Commission will be on Tuesday, October 1st, 2024.