

STATE OF NEW MEXICO )  
COUNTY OF CURRY ) ss.

The City of Clovis Cultural & Ethnic Affairs Committee met in regular session at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 20th, 2018 in the small conference room of the Bert Cabiness City Government Center, 321 N. Connelly in full conformity with the laws of the State of New Mexico and the ordinances and resolutions of said city with the following members present:

Mr. Selmus Price, Chairman  
Mr. Jerry Bailey  
Commissioner Ladona Clayton  
Mr. Charles Brown

ABSENT:

Ms. Mary Collins  
Ms. Virginia Byrd

ALSO PRESENT:

Ms. Vicki Reyes, Administration

Mr. Price called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. and established the presence of a quorum.

**Agenda Item No. 3 - Approval of minutes of January 23, 2018**

Commissioner Clayton made a motion to approve the minutes of January 23, 2018 as presented; Mr. Bailey seconded the motion, which passed by acclamation.

**Agenda Item No. 4 - Discussion and action regarding 2018 Ethnic Fair**

Mr. Price stated Commissioner Clayton had an item on the commission agenda regarding this committee. Commissioner Clayton stated they are revisiting the entire ordinance regarding the Cultural and Ethnic Affairs Committee. It says they should have multiple visual and performing arts and the college has taken that piece. There is interest in working with the sister cities program and also adding two additional members. There was also discussion about changing the time to 5:00 p.m. instead of noon. Commissioner Martin asked what else the committee had in mind other than an Ethnic Fair. The commission would like some recommendations. Mr. Price stated one of the reasons they didn't take on any other projects other than the Ethnic was because of the funding. The first increase they received wasn't a very big increase and they are now up to \$10,000. Increasing the budget would be the only way they could do multiple events. Commissioner Clayton stated she was under the understanding that they were spending \$13,000 on this one event. Mr. Price stated they are spending around \$14,000. Commissioner Clayton stated they need to decide if they could hold multiple events instead of spending it all on that one event. The language indicates that they should be having multiple so they either need to do that or change the language.

Commissioner Clayton stated if they want to present this then she would encourage him to be at the March 1<sup>st</sup> commission meeting which is when this would be presented again. The question has remained when are they going to fulfill the original language. Mr. Price stated the main answer is the funding. For a number of years they were trying to get money from Lodger's Tax and they would only get half of what they were asking for. He stated this was a city committee so he didn't understand why

they had to ask for money from that board. Mr. Bailey stated that money is supposed to come out of the hotels and they don't get a lot of people that spend the night.

Commissioner Clayton stated it was a matter of saying they wanted to have another venue. Mr. Bailey stated it might be better to have something on Cinco De Maio or during Black History Month. Mr. Price stated they need to decide what areas they need to tap into. Commissioner Clayton stated they need to read back through their "charter". She asked if they should let the college completely take over the visual and performing arts or do they also want to do some. Mr. Brown stated they may want to invite someone from the college to sit on the board that is involved with their cultural series if they decide to keep the language. Commissioner Clayton said the "charter" says they are supposed to have someone that is directly connected to the arts.

Mr. Price stated this may be something to discuss later than the first meeting in March to give the committee time to come up with some ideas. They may want to look into getting a liaison from the base as well. Commissioner Clayton stated they have to open it up to select the two members and they need to decide what language they want to keep or abandon.

Mr. Price stated they spoke about discontinuing the two workshops. He spoke with Master Mike Watson and that didn't pan out. He is working with Eric Suan, Force of One, who is somewhat interested. Mr. Price would like to have some workshops on self defense. Commissioner Clayton asked if it was possible to have a mini workshop during the day at the fair. Mr. Price stated they had some martial arts groups before and the demos they did were with kids. He mentioned Mr. Suan doing a demonstration during the fair. Commissioner Clayton stated it might draw in more people to have 2-3 venues during the fair for people to sign up with.

Mr. Brown stated Mr. Justin Case at the College does glass blowing. That might be something to look at. Mr. Price stated there was a quilting club they could look into. Mr. Bailey stated his wife is part of Japanese group that may be interested in performing. Ms. Reyes stated they could also ask the Yoga studio to do a 30 minute session. Commissioner Clayton stated they could have a whole day of the different sessions. They could have kids give jump rope demonstrations too.

Commissioner Clayton stated it was harder for people to come to the workshops because they were during the day. Mr. Price stated that was why they offered two sessions.

Mr. Price stated the save the date cards are being worked on and everything is basically the same as it has been. Commissioner Clayton asked if they were going to try the Fun Run/Walk again since they didn't have a good turnout. Mr. Price stated this was the first time they didn't. The biggest fall last year was that they didn't have a contact from ENMRSH and that is usually their largest turnout.

Mr. Price asked if they could present to the commission at the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting instead. Commissioner Clayton stated it would depend on what they are were going to discuss. She stated the next meeting was to continue discussion regarding possible changes to the "charter", funding, Sister Cities and what it would mean if they were incorporated. Mr. Price asked if the board should be present at that commission meeting. Commissioner Clayton stated it would be a good idea for them to be present if they could.

#### **Agenda Item No. 5 - For the good of the order**

Mr. Price stated the next meeting would be at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 20th.

**Agenda Item No. 6 - Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the commission the meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

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Chairman

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City Clerk