

Cultural Connections Committee Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2023

Nashua City Hall, 3rd Floor Auditorium

12:04, Donna Marceau wished everyone a Happy Black History Month and a Happy Chinese New Year!

Members made introductions.

Motion to approve minutes was adopted.

Deepa Mangalat mentioned the following:

1. Commended Claudia Decker for her 2023 Excellence Award by the NH Association of Foreign Language Teachers. Copy of award was requested for our records.
2. State House Luncheon – March 22nd with Mayor Donchess – request to change our meeting, all agreed – meeting will be changed to another time.

Kerry Miller, Mobility Manager, of the Nashua Transit System,

3. Focuses on outreach to spread education and awareness; Promotes availability and awareness to the community.

Nashua Transit System has 10 Daytime Routes/3 Nighttime Routes.

100% are ADA accessible, all bikes fit 2 bikes,

2 hybrid-electric busses, 10 compressed natural,

Transit Center – last fall renovations were completed,

Travel Training Program – will dedicate time to teach people how to take the busses, teaches people about how to take the bus.

Temporary Service Reductions – Driver Shortage,

M-F – no route 2,3,5, night central on on demand van service, no Saturday service to Walmart, Petco, Visit 11 Riverside for more information.

ADA Complementary Paratransit, Fare \$2.50 each way, picks you up at home, physical/mental condition, must live within $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of a city bus stop.

Demand Response Services, Nashua Seniors, Hudson, Merrimack and Souhegan Valley Rides,

Contact: Web: www.ridebigblue.com, 603 880-0100, ext. 2,

Has a language line – over 170 languages available, call main office, google translate tablet on all busses.

Yvonne asked about pricing for different age groups – no age requirements, demand response service for 65 and older.

City Busses free for anyone over 60, provide with free card – blue – 2022 – 2023

Margaret requested copy of NTS Power Presentation.

ADA Paratransit – call at least one day, medical, food shopping scheduling – senior service.

Nashua to Milford Bus, workers from both cities can travel back and forth.

Library Update – Opening seed library on Thursday 23rd or Saturday 25th – due to snow in Chandler Wing, looking for culturally diverse seeds. Mentioned Moose Mountain Seed Savers, UNH, Friends of the Library.

Also a Film Festival, for 60 Second Film, opportunities to share life experiences, submit by March 1st, there are different judging categories, winners will be announced on March 11th.

September 9th, Multicultural Festival Update:

Needs a Chairperson – Leader needs to have the time to do this job!

Dey Barriga, Rivier University, Director of Global Engagement, wants to provide support from Rivier University.

Sandra Pratt – People helping people, is collecting purses, backpacks, snacks, hygiene items, 254 Lake Street – drop off.

Announcement, One Greater Nashua, Thursday, 1st Thursday of every month, rebuilding, reactivating;

Tea and Talk – Adult Learning Center, 4 Lake Street, March 10th, Friday – to help improve English for new immigrants.

Samba – police visited ALC to provide information session with students.

Gloria – Mayor's State of the City – renovating Main Dunstable, Fairgrounds, Pennichuck, McCarthy Schools.

1:02 p.m. Meeting Adjourned.

