



Cultural  
Connections  
Committee

**Cultural Connections Committee  
Meeting Agenda  
November 20th, 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*

Chair Deepa Mangalat called meeting to order at 3:34pm.

**11. Roll Call : Secretary Paul Janampa**

Present: Deepa Mangalat, Jessica Ayala, Mark Hastbacka, Lauren Osowski, Cecilia Ulibarri, Jenn Hosking, Carlos Camacho

**III Minutes to be approved:**

Approval of Minutes of Oct 18th CCC Meeting. Paul motions to pass the minutes, Lauren seconds the motion and the CCC October minutes are approved.

GCII minutes of October 24<sup>th</sup>. Deepa motions to pass the minutes, Lauren seconds the motion and the GCII October minutes are approved.

**1V. Report of the Chair and/or Subcommittee**

Chair's Report: Deepa Mangalat. No new update

Gate City Immigrant Initiative: Jenn Hosking/Lauren Osowski.

- Tabling on Saturday Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> for the Holiday Stroll inside the Main Street United Methodist Church. Baked goods will be offered for free to those who stop by the table from the following local businesses: Mexicana Bakery, Latin Bakery, Brazilian Bakery. Donations were made by Crossway Christian Church and the Adult Learning Center to purchase the goods. There will be a slideshow showing in a laptop of some of the diverse leaders in our community.

**V. Communications and /or Presentation**

Dominique Boutaud : Francophonie

- Dominique could not attend the meeting but she wanted to inform the committee that the Francophonie will be happening in the month of March in 2019.
- Dominique has decided to step down from the Cultural Connections Committee.

**VI. Old Business**

- MBK Diversity and Cultural Competency Training: Paul will send out doodle with proposed dates of Feb 27<sup>th</sup> and March 27<sup>th</sup> from 8am-1pm for the training.

#### **V11. New Business:** Updates on community meetings attended by committee members

- Jenn H. attended the ELL Parent Engagement Night on Nov 13<sup>th</sup> at Nashua High School South: About 40 parents attended this event. Translators were available for Spanish, Portuguese and other languages. There was a presentation on benefits of CTE classes. Feedback was taken from what parents wanted from the schools.
- Cecilia attended Welcoming NH meeting on Friday November 9<sup>th</sup>: Youth will be the focus in 2019. Hate crimes and other acts have been noted in the school and towns/cities. Welcoming NH plans to meet with Superintendents and have assemblies to discuss strategies.
- Nashua Middle School parent focus group meeting with superintendent outcomes: More funding for school is needed, and more transportation for after school activities.
- Community member asked Deepa to what resources the city offers for youth suffering from mental health problems. Deepa will forward Jessica Ayala from the Division of Public Health and Community Services. Community member commended Nashua Police Department for being very helpful.
- Matt and Paul attended Nashua Area Interfaith Council meeting on November 7<sup>th</sup>: There was a discussion on how to have interfaith prayer and community updates. Next meeting will be on December 5<sup>th</sup> at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashua.
- Carlos attended a Resilient Nashua Initiative meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup>: Mitigation/adaptation strategy development, how the city can get back running after a catastrophe. Resilient Nashua Initiative also has a website where complains can be made.
- Crime watch meetings: December 4<sup>th</sup> 2018 French Hill Neighborhood 7pm at Dental Connection. November 26<sup>th</sup> Hollis Crossing neighborhood 7pm. December 5<sup>th</sup> Chester-Courtland-Concord Wedge Neighborhood 7pm at Temple Beth Abraham. December 12<sup>th</sup> Preserve Dry Area 6:30pm Location: TBD.
- Carlos will be presenting in Baltimore about the mirror project.

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

- There will not be Cultural Connections Committee in December.
- Committee members will continue to attend community meetings.

#### **1X. Discussion Items**

Meeting adjourned at 4:43pm