Mayor's Multicultural Council
Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2014

Opening:
The regular meeting of the MMCC was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on March 3, 2014 on the 10th floor conference room located at 888 Washington Blvd., Stamford, CT by: Nino Antonelli.

Present: Enrique Lopez, Shelly Nichani, Goitom Beuete, Galdino Velasco, Mayra Rios, Jere Eaton, Rolita James, Eva Padilla, Pilar Pelaez, and Sandra Barrett.
Guests: Jenefeness Houston, Marty Levine, and Marcelo Molina
Excused: Debbie Goldberg, Jeanne Franklin

Approval of Minutes: Accepted minutes of January 27, 2014, with changes to the correction of spelling from Major to Mayor in Chairman's report; and adding Rolita James as chair for My Neighbor's Faith in the new business section.

Chairman's Report:
- Picture of MMCC logo – reminder of what it looks like
- Flags project – meeting with Mill River Collaboration to move forward

Old Business:
- Children's parade (Chair: John Mallozzi) – to include a festival after the parade. Tentative date in October, week after Columbus Day. Suggested locations for the event – Cove Park, Mill River Park, Harbor Point, Boyle Stadium, and Scalzzi Park. Some of these venues will not allow outside food to be brought in. We will need major sponsors. Team will meet next week to get a plan in place. Also suggested – bringing in food trucks who would pay a fee, and/or have restaurant participation
- International Restaurant week – Shelly to contact New England Culinary Group to see if they are willing to help us organize the event. The week should end the day of the children's parade and concert.
- International day should be the same day as the children's parade

New Business:
- My Neighbor's Faith (Chair: Rolita James) – May 4, 2014. Table to mix and mingle. Gifts from other faith – youth participation. Meeting to be held with team for further planning – Nino to send out email to this committee. This project is a collaboration of the Ferguson Library and the Interfaith Council. The library has offered the use of a room for any other events we may have.
- PASSION and MMCC – Three year project on bridging gap on debt repair, hardship letter, investment, etc
- Jere – suggested as a group to visit each other churches, once per month, to close the gap on getting to understand each others religion.
- **Guest** – Jenefeness Clark – Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and partnership with Connecticut Department of Economical Development will

provide the following services - all programs are free; help with business plan, social media, and helping small business grow and strive. Must go online and complete one page document. See flyer for more information

Other events:

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.