

NAUGATUCK CULTURAL COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Wednesday, June 15 2011

Naugatuck High School Resource Center

Attendees: Chair Ralph Roper, Co-Vice Chair Indira Reyes, Marya DiPerna, Sandra Heller, Veronica Jimenez, Mary Johnson, Bridget Mariano, Bob Mezzo, Mayor Joan Taf, Vanessa Vowe, Les Williams,

Invited Guests: Gloria Francesca Mengual – Everyday Democracy; Malana Rogers Bursen – Everyday Democracy; Janée Woods Webber – Everyday Democracy

Press: None

The following matters were discussed:

- Pledge of Allegiance and introductions;
- Unanimous approval of Motion to Approve Minutes of May 18, 2011 – Motion by Mayor Joan Taf / Second (2nd) by Bridget Mariano;
- Recap of first (1st) International Cultural Heritage Night. The following suggestions were discussed for 2012: increase size of the display area; host a table for Naugatuck Cultural Council; expand hands-on activities; shorten the event; include more variety; create connection between cultural tables and corresponding culinary items; and start the event earlier.
- Representatives from [Democracy America](#) led members of the Council through a Hopes and Concerns exercise focused on goal setting. The following common goals were discussed based upon feedback from all participants:
 - To achieve greater cultural awareness in the whole community and see cultural awareness as an asset. To provide opportunities to deepen cultural awareness
 - To see people from all backgrounds together at public events, committees, civic life, meetings and schools; and
 - To increase awareness of the Cultural Council.
- Discussion regarding the possibility of pursuing a community dialogue with training assistance from Everyday Democracy.
- Unanimous approval of Motion to Adjourn – Motion by Marya DiPerna / Second (2nd) by Bridget Mariano.

The following ACTION ITEMS emanating from the meeting:

- Review the past two (2) meetings involving Everyday Democracy as a Council and determine if the community-wide dialogue experience should be pursued.

NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2011, 6:00 PM
LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED

Respectfully submitted,



Robert A. Mezzo