CITY OF
BLOOMINGTON
MINNESOTA

Committee Report

Committee:	**Heritage Days Planning Committee**
Members Present **Staff Present:** **By Phone**	**Daniela Kunkel,** **Colleen Callahan** **Zavier Bicott, Savannah Salato,** **Maureen Carlson**
Date of Meeting:	**May 31, 2016**

Agenda	
1.	**Review Budget / Fiscal Resources**
2.	**Review event selection criteria**
3.	**Prioritize groups.**
4.	**Establish Spokesperson for June 20 meeting**

Meeting Summary

1. Review Budget/Fiscal Resources. – discussed funding sources. This event is supported by Human Services and partnerships with community groups. Confirmed: Bloomington Historical Society, Joint Community Police Partnership, and Bloomington United Youth. Budget range: $500-$1,500 with sponsors.
2. Selection Criteria – based on wide audience appeal, cultural relevance and languages spoken in the Bloomington school district.
3. Attached is a list which includes the top six recommendations, in order ranked, by the committee and one alternative. Once approved, staff will work with top six to fill the schedule based on availability and budget considerations.
4. Fellow Commissioners explore fundraising possibilities.

Recommended Action for the June 20th Meeting

1. Approve the committee recommended entertainment.

Designated Spokesperson: Zavier Bicott

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Heritage Planning Committee
Recommended Multicultural Performance Groups

Rank	Performance Group	Description	Considerations / Languages Spoken in Bloomington School District
1	Hung Vuong Association of MN	Lion Dance Troupe	• Vietnamese Americans who providing cultural performances that are engaging and colorful. • Third most common language spoken.
2	Somali Museum Dance Troupe	Traditional Somali Dance	• Important culture to be represented. Can also envision audience participation and broad appeal. • Second most common language spoken.
3	Circus Manduhai	Mongolian Circus	• Mongolian Culture, audience participation, and broad appeal. • Fourth most common language spoken.
4	Los Alegres Bailadores	Mexican Folkloric Dance	• Mexican Folkloric traditions and teaches Mexican heritage. Broad audience appeal & participation. • First most common language spoken.
5	Innocent Reggae Band	East African blend of Reggae	• East African music, broad appeal, and audience participation.
6	Theater Mu	Taiko Drummers	• Educational – performance incorporates the Japanese culture and history – audience participation.
alt	Ukrainian Village Band	Ukrainian music in a mixed village-authentic and Cafe Europa style	• Folk and modern music of ethnic Ukrainians. Broad audience appeal and possible participation.

Heritage Days is Saturday, September 17, 2016

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