

MEETING DATE:

May 18, 2009

CALL TO PODIUM:

Lingling H. Peng - Music Director of Nova Music and Arts Academy

RESPONSIBLE STAFF:

Crystal Carr
Community Services Director

AGENDA ITEM:

(please check one)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Presentation
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PUBLIC HEARING HISTORY:

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Introduced	
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Hearing Date	
Record Held Open	
Policy Discussion	

TITLE:

Proclamation of the Mayor and City Council Designating May 2009, as "Asian Pacific American Heritage Month" in the City of Gaithersburg

SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:

We celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage month in May to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants. Asian Pacific Heritage Month has been celebrated with community festivals, government-sponsored activities, and educational activities for students.

In celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, the Multicultural Affairs Committee sponsored a reception this evening. Entertainment was provided by the Nova Music and Arts Academy featuring (2) two songs by their children's choir and a solo by Ms. Lingling H. Peng.

We, now invite the Nova Music and Arts Academy to come forward to receive this year's Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Proclamation.

Following the proclamation, Lindsay Gong and Denny Tang will perform a cello and solo duet of a Qinghai Folk Song, "A Place Far Away".

DESIRED OUTCOME:

Issue Proclamation