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## 02/13/2012 Minutes

Arlington Diversity Task Group (ADTG)  
February 2012 Minutes,  
Approved at March 12, 2012 meeting

- **Present:** Claire Carswell, Mary Harrison, Jane L. Howard, Andy Oram, Tarajee Pass, Louise Popkin, and Miriam Stein
- **Minutes Approval**

Committee members approved the Draft Minutes of the January 2011 meeting

- **Agenda discussion**
  - Committee members discussed Next Spanish Speaking "Coffee": February 26, Sunday, 3pm-4:30pm, Jam N' Java, Arlington Center. The task group discussed feedback regarding last year's turnout and projected outcome of attendance this Sunday.
  - Discussion focused on activities for the Diversity Task Group for the next few months and next program year (i.e. - What are the gaps in diversity in Arlington? What could we do to fill those gaps?)
  - Committee discussed ways to promote a warm environment for acceptance and welcome for all. The various examples proposed included: creating more **Neighborhood Welcoming Committees to welcome new residents**. Miriam suggested merging with other Arlington Vision 2020 committee groups to broaden ideas and support. Mary suggested we incorporate art to create art collages with community members. Committee also felt that enhanced social media sites would be a good idea to promote and grow diversity awareness. Discussed recreating the kind of discussions that were held during a past YWCA Stand Against Racism event.
  - The discussion will be continued at the next meeting.