

A meeting of the Global Troy Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 in the Lower Level Conference Room at Troy City Hall, 500 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy, MI 48084. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

1. Roll Call

Present: Samir Bagri
Lisa Bica-Grotsky
MiVida Burrus
Rebecca A. Chamberlain-Creanga
Richard Coon
Awni Fakhoury
Syeda Mohideen
Daniela Natcheva
Rouba Samman
Mayor Dane Slater
Ricky Young (Student Representative)

Absent: Venkatesan Balaraman

Also present: Lori Bluhm, City Attorney
Maggie Hughes, Management Analyst
Eleanor Yoon, Recording Secretary
Hannah Su

The committee members went around the room and introduced themselves to the group. Each committee member shared his or her background and reason for joining the committee. Mayor Dane Slater will assume the Chair position of the committee. The committee may elect a vice-chair in the future if needed.

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2. Orientation to the Global Troy Initiative

Ms. Eleanor Yoon went over the Global Troy initiative that was presented to Troy City Council on March 14, 2016. Global Troy is a city-wide comprehensive initiative to create a culturally competent community. The committee members were introduced to six focus areas in which Global Troy seeks to achieve cultural competence: city government, community, civic engagement, public safety, education and economic development.

Ms. Yoon also handed out examples of diversity action plans developed and implemented by other municipalities.

3. Discussion of Committee Rules, Positions and Vision

City Attorney Lori Bluhm introduced the committee members to State of Michigan's Sunshine Laws. She talked about the Open Meetings Act and Robert's Rule of Order.

4. Determination of Future Meeting Schedule

The committee decided to hold the next meeting on November 22, 2016 at 6 PM in Troy City Hall. The committee will not meet in December 2016. In 2017, the committee will meet monthly on 4th Tuesday of each month at 6 PM.

5. Open Discussion on Future Committee Activities

Mayor Dane Slater opened the floor for suggestions on future committee activities.

Ms. Rebecca Chamberlain-Creanga suggested having a microsite for the Global Troy initiative within the City of Troy's website. The site will list different community organizations and churches in the city and serve as a resource to Troy residents. She also suggested working with Troy Public Library to host Global Troy lecture series. To effectively target the six focus areas, Ms. Chamberlain-Creanga suggested creating sub-committees within the committee to study focus areas and create an action plan.

Student Representative Ricky Young serves as Youth Chair for Council of Asian Pacific Americans in Michigan and would be interested in sharing Asian American experience and perspectives with others.

Ms. MiVida Burrus talked about how Walsh College successfully hosts International Day and the value of learning each other's culture.

Mr. Awni Fakhoury thanked Mayor Dane Slater for welcoming refugees to the City of Troy and shared his concern on how to better serve and effectively resettle the refugee population of the Metro Detroit area.

Ms. Daniela Natcheva suggested making different community events more public through the city website or other mediums.

Mr. Richard Coon also emphasized the importance of the website as a resource.

Ms. Lisa Bica-Grodsky suggested making a comprehensive calendar that includes holidays from different cultures and religions.

Ms. Syeda Mohideen suggested working with the Troy Public Library to have international events that feature each continent by displaying books and hosting events related to the continent.

Ms. Rouba Samman talked about the importance of getting the word out about great events that are happening around the city.

Mr. Samir Bagri talked about how public safety and recent events in the Indian American community drew him to apply for the committee.

6. "Waking in Oak Creek" Screening by the Troy Police Department

Ms. Yoon talked about the Troy Police Department's proposal to host "Waking in Oak Creek" Screening together with the committee. The proposed date for the screening is November 12, 2016. The committee was receptive to the idea and Ms. Yoon will contact the Police Department for more details.

Other Business


None


Public Comment

Ms. Hannah Su recently moved to the City of Troy and would like to be more involved in the community through different volunteer or job opportunities.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.



Dane Slater,
Chair

Eleanor Yoon,
Recording Secretary