

A meeting of the Global Troy Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 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 6:03 PM.

1. Roll Call

Present: Lisa Bica-Grodsky
Rebecca A. Chamberlain-Creanga
Richard Coon
Awni Fakhoury
Syeda Nasiha Mohideen
Daniela Natcheva
Mayor Dane Slater

Absent: Samir Bagri
MiVida Burrus
Rouba Samman
Ricky Young
Yudong Zhou

Also present: Eleanor Yoon
Sean Wolski

Mr. Sean Wolski, who will begin working at the City Manager's Office on May 8, 2017, introduced himself to the committee. Meanwhile, Ms. Maggie Hughes will be the interim staff liaison and help Mr. Wolski with the transition process.

2. Minutes

Resolution # GT – 2017-04-05

Moved by: Fakhoury
Seconded by: Chamberlain-Creanga

RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the February 21, 2017 meeting be approved.

Yeas: - 7 -
Nays: None
Absent: - 4 -

REGULAR BUSINESS

3. Welcoming City Presentation

Ms. Christine Sauv , Senior Program Coordinator from Welcoming Michigan, gave a presentation regarding the Welcoming Michigan initiative. Welcoming Michigan is a state affiliate of Welcoming America, a nationwide program that leads a movement of inclusive

communities. Municipalities and nonprofit organization throughout the nation have joined the network and made the commitment to create an integrated, inclusive community. A welcoming community engages both U.S.-born and foreign-born residents in creating a welcoming atmosphere and build relationships among longtime residents and newcomers. 16 Michigan localities, including Detroit, Royal Oak, Ferndale and many others, have joined the network and became Welcoming Cities. The annual dues for Welcoming America for City of Troy will be \$200. If the Global Troy Advisory Committee passes the resolution to recommend Troy City Council to affirm Troy as a Welcoming City, it will be presented either at the May 8 or May 22 City Council meeting.

Resolution # GT – 2017-04-06

Moved by: Fakhoury

Seconded by: Mohideen

WHEREAS, fostering a welcoming environment for all individuals, regardless of race, ethnicity or place of origin, enhances City of Troy's cultural fabric, economic growth, global competitiveness and overall prosperity for current and future generation; and

WHEREAS, Troy has long been recognized as a hospitable and welcoming place where people, families and institutions thrive and the contributions of all are celebrated and valued; and

WHEREAS, Troy is committed to continuing to build a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere in our community, where all are welcome, accepted and integrated; and

WHEREAS, community efforts that promote understanding and collaboration between our native-born and foreign-born community members are crucial in encouraging and preserving Troy's welcoming environment; and

WHEREAS, Troy encourages the business leadership, civic groups, other government agencies and community institutions to undertake their own initiatives, beyond this resolution, to make Troy not only a welcoming place for new residents from other countries but also a center of world commerce; and

WHEREAS, the Global Troy Advisory Committee, after review of the Welcoming America initiative, believes it is in the best interest of the City of Troy to join the Welcoming City movement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Global Troy Advisory Committee RECOMMEND that Troy City Council affirm the City of Troy as a Welcoming City.

Yeas: - 7 -

Nays: None

Absent: - 4 -

4. Global Troy DEI Plan Discussion

The members shared each subcommittee's progress on drafting the DEI Plan and their feedback on the process.

	Learning & Resources	Communications	Outreach & Programming
1	Rouba	Nasiha	Rebecca
2	Rich	Ricky	Daniela
3	Lisa	Samir	Rouba
4	MiVida	Tom	Awni
5	Rebecca	Daniela	MiVida

The Outreach and Programming subcommittee met on Thursday, April 13 at 12 PM in Troy City Hall, Conference Room C, and the meeting was attended by three members. The Communications subcommittee met on Friday, April 21 at 6:30 PM in Troy Community Center, and the meeting was attended by four members. The Learning and Resources subcommittee met on Tuesday, April 25 at 5 PM in Troy City Hall, Lower Level Conference Room, and the meeting was attended by two members.

The committee will individually work on the set of three Google documents and complete sharing their strategies and recommended actions by the next meeting on **Tuesday, May 23**.

Other Business

Committee Member Lisa Bica-Grodsky attended the Troy Family Daze planning meeting on Monday April 24, 2017 on behalf of the Global Troy Advisory Committee. On the last day of the Troy Family Daze – Sunday, September 17 –, Troy Family Daze will have an international day celebrating Troy's diversity. Proposed sponsorship for the international day is \$2,500, and Troy Family Daze would like the committee's help in promoting the event, soliciting sponsors and reaching out to different cultural organizations, food vendors and performance groups.

Public Comment

None

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.



Dane Slater,
Chair



Staff Liaison