

A meeting of the Global Troy Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 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 6:10 p.m.

1.) Roll Call

Present: Mayor Dane Slater
Lisa Bica-Grotsky (arrived at 6:20)
Daniela Natcheva
Syeda Nasiha Mohideen
MiVida Burrus
Cathleen Francois
Yudong Zhou

Absent: Awni Fakhoury
Richard Coon
Rebecca A. Chamberlain-Creanga
Kaitlyn Hao

Also present: Drew Benson, Staff Liaison

2.) Consent Agenda

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Moved by: MiVida Burrus
Seconded by: Cathleen Francois

RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the April 16, 2019 meeting be approved.

Yeas: - 6 -
Nays: None
Absent: - 4 -

3.) Regular Business

a.) Discussion regarding 2019 International Day

Committee Members Mohideen and Zhou gave an update to the group about their most recent subcommittee meeting with Bica-Grotsky. The subcommittee has been working on connecting with ethnic groups to participate in the International Day festivities, with some success, but there is much more work to be done.

Committee Member Bica-Grotsky arrived at 6:20 p.m.

Bica-Grodsky continued the update by discussing the recent Family Daze Committee meetings, and mentioned that she and the committee will require more help to move forward. Bica-Grodsky also noted that she feels confident in her ability to devote more time to this event over the summer, and that things are on track to be successful.

Staff Liaison Benson noted that he and Bica-Grodsky should get in contact later this week to discuss how the City can help with planning the event, publicizing it, and coordinating the International Day volunteers.

Bica-Grodsky then left the meeting at 6:42 to go attend the Family Daze Committee meeting.

b.) Adjusting Meeting Schedules – Family Daze Committee Meetings

Staff Liaison Benson indicated that this item is on the agenda because the group had indicated that it may help to temporarily move the Global Troy meetings to another night to avoid conflict with the Family Daze meetings over the summer.

Chairperson Slater indicated that because there are only two more GTAC meetings before International/Family Daze, it is unlikely that the conflict will be a major issue for the majority of the group, and the International Day Subcommittee members can make reports to the whole group on behalf of the individuals who are not able to attend the GTAC meetings.

The group agreed with the idea of keeping the meetings at their normally scheduled time.

c.) Discussion – Defining Diversity & Next Steps

Staff Liaison Benson introduced the topic, noting that at the previous meeting in April, the committee had a very productive conversation with Sue Giallombardo from the City of Sterling Heights, and that similar training opportunities would be good. Mr. Benson stated that he would like the committee to discuss the learning opportunities that the group would like to focus on, and for suggestions as to how to move forward with this goal.

Chairperson Slater indicated that he thinks the committee should look at bringing members of the various ethnic communities to the GTAC meetings in an effort to get to know each of the sub-cultures of Troy a little better.

Committee Member Burrus discussed some of her training and experience as it pertains to diversity, equity, and inclusion; and noted that she would like to see the committee take more time to learn about each other's stories as a way of understanding the City's diversity and why the City is what it is. Burrus also discussed various activities that could be introduced to the committee to build relationships and share stories.

The group discusses these notions, as well as the various people they knew individually who could come speak with the committee. All were in agreement that that limited amount of time at meetings, and the various other business items that must be addressed, makes it difficult to spend a large amount of time on this at any one meeting.

4.) Other Business

Staff Liaison Benson indicated that Management Intern Caroline Radzwion's last day with the City will be June 24th. The group noted that they would like to reach out to her and thank her for her service to the City, and specifically the Global Troy Advisory Committee over the last year and a half.

Benson also noted that the City's Public Works Staff are working on updating the City's Parks and Recreation plan, and would like feedback from the GTAC. Benson indicated that this topic will be on the next GTAC agenda.

Mayor Slater indicated that Mr. Benson is working on the revived version of the City's Citizen's Academy program. Benson discussed the program in short, and indicated the he will have that item on the next GTAC agenda as well.

5.) Public Comment


None.

6.) Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

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Dane Slater, Chairperson

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Drew Benson, Staff Liaison / Recording Secretary