

**Global Troy Advisory Committee**  
**Regular Meeting Agenda**

**Wednesday, December 16, 2020 – 6:00 PM**  
**Zoom**

**1.) Call to Order**

**2.) Roll Call**

**3.) Consent Agenda**

- a. Minutes from the November 18, 2020 Regular Meeting

**4.) Regular Business**

- a. Discussion Regarding Scheduling 2021 GTAC Meetings
- b. Discussion Regarding Global Troy Advisory Committee 2021 Events
- c. Discussion Regarding Global Troy Advisory Committee Name Change

**5.) Other Business**

**6.) Public Comment**

**7.) Adjourn**

A meeting of the Global Troy Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday November 18, 2020 via Zoom in compliance with the State of Michigan's Executive Order 2020-75 that temporarily suspends strict compliance with physical-place and physical-presence requirements of the Open Meetings Act in order to allow electronic meetings.

### **1.) Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

### **2.) Roll Call**

Present: Mayor Ethan Baker  
Lisa Bica-Grotsky  
Awni Fakhoury  
Daniela Natcheva  
Carolina Noguez-Ortiz  
Allison Liu (Student Representative)  
Suneel Sekhri  
Yudong (Tom) Zhou

Absent: MiVida Burrus  
Syeda (Nas) Mohideen

Also present: Sarah Ames, Staff Liaison / Recording Secretary

Mayor Baker welcomed new members, Student Representative Liu and Staff Liaison Ames, before addressing the Consent Agenda.

### **3.) Consent Agenda**

#### **Resolution # GT – 2020-11-01**

Moved by: Awni Fakhoury  
Seconded by: Daniela Natcheva

RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the June 30, 2020 meeting be approved as presented.

Yeas: - 6 -  
Nays: None  
Absent: - 2 -  
Abstained: - 1 -

### **4.) Regular Business**

**A. Discussion Regarding Draft Committee Goals for 2021 & Creation of GTAC Subcommittees**

- Mayor Baker introduced the topic.
- Committee Member Sekhri noted that the goals were not a new topic of discussion
- Mayor Baker agreed that the goals were not a new topic, and that they were left vague for a reason.
- Mayor Baker reminded the committee that GTAC desires to have a joint meeting with the council to talk about the Goals of GTAC. This will allow:
  - City Council to tell GTAC what they would like to see from the Committee in 2021
  - and give GTAC a chance to express to Council what members have to contribute to the GTAC and the City.
- Mayor Baker noted the City of Troy renewed their Welcoming America/Michigan Initiative membership
- Committee Member Sekhri motioned to approved the 2021 GTAC Goals as written. Seconded by Committee Member Fakhoury.
- Mayor Baker asked for a discussion regarding the Committee Goals
- Committee Member Sekhri noted that although the stated goals for 2021 indicated a focus on the 2021 International Day event, but a series or monthly event or celebration of various groups would benefit the GTAC through increasing the presence of the Committee as well as the City of Troy.
- Committee Member Noguez-Ortiz suggested compiling a list of ethnic owned businesses to support businesses in the area, which will be especially beneficial during the COVID19 Pandemic.
- Student Representative Liu suggested highlighting businesses and compile a list of businesses that way, maybe in a GTAC newsletter.
- Mayor Baker commented that, from a City standpoint, he wasn't sure how highlighting just one business and using City resources to do that would be beneficial.
- Committee Member Natcheva commented that she would like to have a listserv for GTAC.
- Mayor Baker motioned to approve the International Day Subcommittee. Seconded by Committee Member Sekhri

- No additional Subcommittees were formed.
- Staff Liaison Ames will be looking into options to post content on the City of Troy website and Social Media.
- Committee Member Natcheva suggested a Holiday Traditions event in mid-December.
- Committee Members Noguez-Ortiz and Student Representative Liu agreed to help with the Holiday Traditions event in mid-December.

**Resolution # GT – 2020-11-02**

Moved by: Suneel Sekhri

Seconded by: Awni Fakhoury

RESOLVED, that the Committee Goals for 2021 and creation of the International Day Subcommittee be approved as presented.

Yeas: - 7 –

Nays: None

Absent: - 2-

**B. Discussion Regarding Scheduling 2021 GTAC Meeting Dates**

- Mayor Baker introduced the topic and discussed meetings being virtual, until we are allowed to hold in person meetings.
- Mayor Baker asked the meeting which day would be best for others to hold meetings each month.
- Mayor Baker commented that he didn't like having GTAC meetings being restricted for time and asked Staff Liaison Ames if she knew when other Boards and Committees were holding their monthly meetings.
- Staff Liaison stated she wasn't sure if other Boards and Committees had scheduled their 2021 meetings yet.
- Mayor Baker suggested meeting in December 2020 to solidify 2021 meeting dates, so that we can have more of an idea on other Boards and Committee meetings are being held.

- The Committee will hold a meeting at 6pm on December 16, 2020 to further discuss. Staff Liaison Ames will send out a calendar invitation for the meeting.
- Mayor Baker made a motion to hold a virtual meeting on December 16, 2020. Committee Member Sekhri seconded.

**Resolution # GT – 2020-11-03**

Moved by: Mayor Ethan Baker

Seconded by: Suneel Sekhri

RESOLVED, that the Global Troy Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on December 16, 2020 at 6pm.

Yeas: - 6 -

Nays: None

Absent: - 3- (Committee Member Fakhoury's call dropped)

**5. Other Business**

Committee Member Bica-Grotsky wanted to thank the Mayor and City Council for renewing the Welcoming America membership.

**6. Public Comment**

None.

**7. Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

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Ethan Baker, Chairperson

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Sarah Ames, Staff Liaison / Recording Secretary



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## MEMORANDUM

Date: December 16, 2020

To: Mayor Ethan Baker  
Global Troy Advisory Committee

From: Sarah Ames, Staff Liaison/Recording Secretary

Subject: Schedule Global Troy Advisory Committee 2021 Meeting Dates

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### **History**

The Global Troy Advisory Committee meetings were scheduled for the third Tuesday for each month in 2020. During the Coronavirus Pandemic, several Global Troy Advisory Committee meetings were cancelled. There was also a scheduling conflict for members once meetings resumed, and the final two meetings were rescheduled for the third Wednesday evening of November and December.

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Global Troy Advisory Committee discuss and finalize a meeting schedule, with member availability and other City of Troy Committee and Board meeting dates in mind, for the upcoming 2021 Calendar Year. After reviewing when other Boards and Committees typically hold their meetings the best dates to hold Global Troy Advisory Committee meetings would be the first or second Wednesday of each month, at 6pm. If this schedule was approved, the Committee would hold their meetings:

#### First Wednesday of the Month

January 6, 2021  
February 3, 2021  
March 3, 2021  
April 7, 2021  
May 5, 2021  
June 2, 2021  
July 7, 2021  
August 4, 2021  
September 1, 2021  
October 6, 2021  
November 3, 2021  
December 1, 2021

#### Second Wednesday of the Month:

January 13, 2021  
February 10, 2021  
March 10, 2021  
April 14, 2021  
May 12, 2021  
June 9, 2021  
July 14, 2021  
August 11, 2021  
September 8, 2021  
October 13, 2021  
November 10, 2021  
December 8, 2021

Once decided the Global Troy Advisory Committee meeting schedule will be added to the Global Troy Advisory Committee webpage for public notice.



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## MEMORANDUM

Date: December 16, 2020

To: Mayor Ethan Baker  
Global Troy Advisory Committee

From: Sarah Ames, Staff Liaison/Recording Secretary

Subject: Global Troy Advisory Committee 2021 Events

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### **History**

The Global Troy Advisory Committee discussed at the last meeting, November 18, 2020 about hosting events and activities throughout the 2021 Calendar Year to promote cultural awareness and inclusivity.

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Global Troy Advisory Committee discuss events to implement throughout 2021 beginning with March 2021. These events must be scheduled ahead of time to ensure the events can be included in the seasonal Troy Today publications. The Troy Today publication for the Winter Season was published at the end of November 2020 and include events happening December 2020 through February of 2021. Event could focus on the following and other celebrations determined by the Global Troy Advisory Committee.

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day- 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in January
- African American History Month- February
- Chinese New Year- February 12, 2021
- Women's History Month- March
- Irish-American Heritage Month- March
- Baba Marta- March 1, 2021
- Bulgarian Liberation Day- March 3, 2021
- Ramadan- April 12 to May 13, 2021
- Eid ul Fitr- May 13, 2021
- Jewish American History Month- May
- Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month- May
- Pride Month- June
- Juneteenth- June 19, 2021
- Eid ul Adha- July 20, 2021
- Obon Festival- August 13-15, 2021
- Welcoming Week (Troy Daze)- September 10-19, 2021
- Mexican Independence Day- September 16, 2021
- National Hispanic-Latino Heritage Month- September 15-October 15
- National Italian American Heritage Month- October



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- Day of the Dead- November 1-2, 2021
- Diwali- November 4, 2021
- National Native American Heritage Month- November
- Winter Holiday Traditions (Kwanzaa, Hanukah, Christmas around the World, etc.)-  
~December/January





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## MEMORANDUM

Date: December 16, 2020

To: Mayor Ethan Baker  
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From: Sarah Ames, Staff Liaison/Recording Secretary

Subject: Global Troy Advisory Committee Name Change

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### **History**

The Global Troy Advisory Committee was developed in 2016 and in conjunction with City Council and City Administration, desires to increase the City of Troy's cultural competence through cultural knowledge, awareness and sensitivity, and assists with the promotion of cultural diversity and inclusion and enhancing community connections.

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Global Troy Advisory Committee discuss changing the name of the Committee to better represent the Committee's mission. Any name change has to be approved by City Council.