

Global Troy Advisory Committee

Regular Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, July 14, 2021
City Council Boardroom

1.) Call to Order

2.) Roll Call

3.) Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes from the June 9, 2021 Regular Meeting

4.) Regular Business

- a. Reappointment of Student Representative Allison Liu
- b. Social media approval and other policies with Stephanie Fleischer
- c. Develop a 1 to 3-year plan for event highlights
- d. Update on International Day Committee

5.) Other Business

6.) Public Comment

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7.) Adjourn

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1.) Call to Order

2.) Roll Call

Present: Mayor Ethan Baker
Lisa Bica-Grodsky
Allison Liu (Student Representative)
Daniela Natcheva
MiVida Burrus
Suneel Sekhri
Yudong (Tom) Zhou

Absent: Awni Fakhoury
Kaitlyn Hao
Carolina Noguez-Ortiz
Arjun Tholakapalli (Student Representative)

Also present: Sarah Ames, Staff Liaison / Recording Secretary

3.) Consent Agenda

a. Minutes from the May 12, 2021 Regular Meeting

Resolution # GT – 2021-6-01

Moved by: Lisa Bica Grodsky
Seconded by: Suneel Sekhri

RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the May 12, 2021 meeting be approved as amended.

Yeas: - 6 -
Nays: None
Absent: - 3 -

4.) Regular Business

a. Update on GTAC Events and International Day Event

- Staff Liaison Ames asked the Committee Members who are planning events to give an overview to the group.

- Committee Member Bica-Grodsky mentioned that the Troy Family Daze Committee met June 8, 2021 via zoom and the event is ready to go starting Sept 16-19, 2021. She stated that International Day is September 19 and that the event opens at noon and the shows start at 12:30 to 8:30. Usually, the groups save the last time slot for the biggest crowd drawer but she imagines that people will go home earlier this year so 7pm will be the cut off as the event will be scaled down. The International Day subcommittee is interested in newer talent for 2021. Some of the nationalities and cultures that the subcommittee is looking to book are African American, Greek dancing or anything Greek representation.
- Mayor Baker stated that he will talk with someone to see if they are interested.
- Committee Member Bica Grodsky stated that the International Day subcommittee was looking for a German group as well. The group would like to focus on troy participants but won't turn people away. There is extra time on Saturday for groups to perform if more time is needed for performances.
- Committee Member Bica Grodsky thanked Sarah and Stephanie for publicizing that GTAC is looking for talent for International Day. She noted that at least once a year they get a cultural group at least once each year that want to know why we aren't asking them to participate. They are going to use the mobile stage. They will probably move the area to a hilly space where people can bring small chairs or blankets. I have the dimensions of the stage that the subcommittee will know about.
- Committee Member Bica Grodsky gave an overview of the possible donations if people want to sponsor the event.
- Committee Member Sekhri talks about the international yoga day event on the 26th of June. He mentioned that he and Staff Liaison Ames have talked about the outdoor event and talked about the timing of the event, so this year we will probably do a covered area of troy and then record it and put it on our site. Yoga day is focused on physical and mental health which is relevant right now. Hopefully, next year will be more fun. I have two instructors from troy who are participating. Staff Liaison Ames will put it out on social media.
- Student Representative Liu suggested sunset yoga
- Committee Member Sekhri stated that he and Staff Liaison Ames aren't sure on the details of where the event would take place and at what time.
- Staff Liaison Ames will ask Brian Goul for a pavilion.
- Committee Member Natcheva suggested doing it outside and by offering multiple times.
- Mayor Baker noted that marketing would be the hardest thing at this point.
- Committee Member Sekhri noted that three years ago a similar event occurred and the biggest participation was from law enforcement and their spouses, the mayor, and city manager. He also noted that if the event is repeated it we will get more and more people.

- Committee Member Sekhri said that this event could be a way to enrich the city and citizens. People participating in a common act.
- Mayor Baker wondered why GTAC is doing this, and how it aligns with the mission of GTAC.
- Committee Member Sekhri noted that the group could collaborate with Parks and Recreation.
- Mayor Baker noted that the group has to be aware that all events take City of Troy staff hours for cleaning, etc. after an event.
- Staff Liaison Ames noted that she and Committee Member Sekhri could talk about the event and plan all of the challenges.
- Mayor Baker noted that he wishes the Committee could do this event at the Farmer's Market beginning at the next Farmer's Market and then coordinate and do something over the summer.
- Committee Member Bica Grodsky stated that GTAC could begin International Day with yoga, we have done some with meditation.
- Committee Member Sekhri noted that the group could use yoga as a way to stretch and get ready for the performances.
- Mayor Baker noted that there are some events that get more attention and that the group should piggyback on others.
- Mayor has to reappoint Allison Liu at the next meeting and that the group will be discussing future events to highlight to develop an outline for 2022 so that events can be pre-decided.
- GTAC should give an opinion to Council about the cultural views and community to amplify the community.
- Staff Liaison Ames noted that there is now an approval process to getting event information posted to social media. Stephanie will be at the July meeting. Reminder: Cindy is no longer posting things for GTAC on social media.
- Committee Member Sekhri noted that GTAC should have guidelines that say if it's fully religious we don't post about the event, etc.
- Mayor Baker noted that the group needs something to come from Committee to go to Council. He noted that the group can't celebrate everything because there aren't resources to do that.

- Committee Member Sekhri suggested the group pick 5-6 events of different groups and highlight them throughout the calendar year.
- Committee Member Mohideen noted that as a whole everyone celebrates Ramadan, so you can't separate the culture and the separation of the religion.
- Mayor Baker noted that some groups of people in Troy aren't sure of the cultural aspects of different events, and that it is GTAC's responsibility to lead and educate.
- Committee Member Natcheva asked the group if we have access to the results of the GovHR.
- Mayor Baker noted that there likely won't be a full-time employee for DE&I but he thinks there will be consulting. He also suggested for the next agenda we can talk about formulating a three-year plan of events to focus on that could then be submitted to the city.

b. Committee Member Mohideen to share with the group.

5.) Other Business

- Being an Italian American heritage month, Committee Member Bica Grodsky mentioned that she feels that the City of Troy should acknowledge publicly the indigenous land that the City lands on before the group is told to do so, as a proactive measure.
- Mayor Baker asked the group how we should address this public announcement.
- Committee Member Bica Grodsky mentioned that although September is going to be busy with International day the group could acknowledge it in September and November with Thanksgiving.
- Mayor Baker suggested that maybe the city should issue a proclamation.
- Committee Member Burrus mentioned that the group has to acknowledge everyone. She said that it is appropriate in September, October, November to do so and because it is coming from GTAC and not City Council it shouldn't be an issue. Conditioning people with baby steps to get comfortable. GTAC should put the advisory recommendation or proclamation together. We start at our meetings and at International Day. Let's just start.
- The group has decided to develop a report to Council.
- Committee Member Natcheva asked, "what if we create a presentation and work with the Troy Public Library to tell what happened in the community".
- Student Representative Liu noted that the group could start with the Native Americans.
- Committee Member Bica Grodsky wondered if the Troy Historical Village has any information on Native Americans.

- Committee Member Burrus said that she supports Committee member Bica Grodsky and will help with whatever is needed.
- The master plan survey is out and open right now. [Troymi.gov/masterplansurvey](https://troymi.gov/masterplansurvey) open until June 17th. There's a social media post and we should be pushing that out, best we can.

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Adjourned at 7:38pm

