

A meeting of the Global Troy Advisory Committee was held on September 9, 2021 in the Council Boardroom located at 500 W. Big Beaver, Troy, MI 48084. in 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 6:08 p.m.

2.) Roll Call

Present: **Lisa Bica-Grodsky**
 MiVida Burrus
 Nas Mohideen
 Daniela Natcheva
 Sharanya Swaminathan (Student Representative)
 Allison Liu (Student Representative)
 Carolina Noguez Ortiz
 Tom Zhou

Absent: **Ethan Baker**
 Awni Fahkoury
 Suneel Sekhri

Also present: **Sarah Ames, Staff Liaison / Recording Secretary**

3.) Consent Agenda

A. Minutes from the August 11, 2021 Regular Meeting

Resolution # GT – 2021-9-01

Moved by: Lisa Bica-Grodsky
Seconded by: Carolina Noguez-Ortiz

RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the August 11, 2021 meeting be approved as amended.

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

4.) Regular Business

A. Guest Conversation

- Olivia Olsen new head of community engagement and the push this year is to make the library more accessible. There is a handout of resources for language access that are accessible to the residents of Troy.
- The group discussed the various resources that are provided from the library.
- Staff Liaison Ames talked about how the group would love to hear more about what the library is doing and ways to work together.
- Student Representative Liu noted that it would be helpful for the Committee to work with the library to translate legal documents.
- Olivia Olsen stated that if GTAC has any translation services it would be helpful.
- Committee Member Natcheva noted that the group can give you a list of places to distribute these resources.
- Committee Member Noguez-Ortiz asked Olivia if the exhibitions that were previously in the library are still allowed. She mentioned that utilizing exhibitions would allow everyone to see information on different cultural events or celebrations.
- Olivia Olsen said that we can look into doing that.
- Committee Member Noguez-Ortiz noted that the library is a high trafficked place and I think it would be beneficial for the Committee to utilize the exhibitions, if possible.
- Committee Member Natcheva suggested that the group members get their communities to help set up for the exhibition.
- The group will coordinate with Olivia Olsen for different exhibitions and events.

B. Discuss/develop a 3-year plan

- MiVida, we played with the idea that we would like to focus on what we want to do each month. We can't focus on everything so how do we encompass everyone at the table and community. I am a fan of start small and grow, we can't focus on every culture and then we can incorporate different cultural events each time. Ex: we highlighted BHM in Feb 2021, what else could we highlight next February.
- The group discussed the focuses for the first year
 - Year 0:
 - Q4: Winter Sweet Treats video
 - (highlight Hispanic Heritage Month)
 - Year 1:

Q1: Jan, Feb, March- Major focus Chinese New Year (Lunar New Year) February 1, 2022

- (highlight BHM)
- (highlight Passover)
- (highlight Holocaust Remembrance Day)

Q2: April, May, June- Major focus Indigenous People's month

Q3:

Q4:

- Student Representative Swaminathan asked if there was a blog or news organization/press to commemorate and bring awareness to GTAC events.
- The group decided to highlight a Winter Sweet treats event highlighting different, but focus primarily on February 2022 Chinese New Year.
- Student Representative Liu suggested that cookies from different areas be highlighted for the Winter Sweet Treats event.
- Committee Member Burrus noted that the group is needing to reach out to people about their winter holiday tradition focused on a sweet treat. Communities can all be represented.
- Student Representative Swaminathan will coordinate a filming of the Diwali sweet treats video.
- Staff Liaison Ames will send out video guidelines. Videos need to be sent along with any images to the google drive folder Staff Liaison Ames will send out.
- The group will be holding subcommittees for each of the quarterly events and the events group will keep up with the subcommittees.
- Staff Liaison Ames will reach out to Stephanie with the City Manager's Office to help with the posting for the event.

C. International Day Discussion

- The Committee discussed final event details that needed to be attended to.

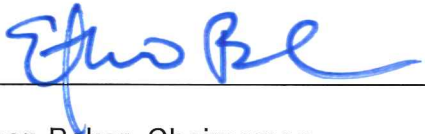
5.) Other Business

6.) Public Comment

None.

7.) Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.



Ethan Baker, Chairperson



Sarah Ames, Staff Liaison / Recording Secretary