

A meeting of the Global Troy Advisory Committee was held on January 11, 2022 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 6:03 p.m.

2.) Roll Call

Present:

**Ethan Baker
Lisa Bica-Grotsky
MiVida Burrus
Ed Chezick
Awni Fakhoury
Allison Liu (Student Representative)
Nas Mohideen
Carolina Noguez-Ortiz
Sharanya Swaminathan (Student Representative) (arrived 6:10pm)
Suneel Sekhri**

Absent:

**Tom Zhou
Daniela Natcheva**

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

3.) Consent Agenda

A. Minutes from the September 8, 2021 Regular Meeting

Resolution # GT – 2022-01-01

Moved by: Awni Fakhoury
Seconded by: Nas Mohideen

RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the September 8, 2021 meeting be approved as amended.

Yeas: - 8 -
Nays: None
Absent: - 2 -

4.) Regular Business

A. Ethics Ordinance Overview and Signature

- Committee Member Burrus asked for a synopsis of the updates that had been made to the Ethics Ordinance.
- Mayor Baker provided an overview of the changes to the Ethics Ordinance.

B. International Day Thoughts and Planning

- Committee Member Bica-Grotsky noted that she represents international day and that the group should talk about who wants to be part of international day and be going to the meetings with the Troy Family Daze group. She also noted that the 2021 International Day Subcommittee was strong and made the event easier.
- Mayor Baker said that the group would be working with Troy Family Daze for the 2022 International Days Festival. The Troy Family Daze organization has a record setting year and the group should ask for more funding to sponsor more performers at International Day.
- Committee Member Bica-Grotsky noted that some performers didn't want to participate because they wanted a controlled environment and that an indoor setting is preferred. She also noted that Sterling Heights has the cultural exchange which was held in 2020 at Dodge Park. Arts beats and eats is also a great place to find performers. Rochester's Apple event is also happening but it may be too close to our event to get performers from it.
- Mayor Baker suggested that we have a separate event in 2023, indoor.
- Student Representative Liu noted that TAB had an indoor international day but that she encouraged an outside event as it encourages people to participate freely and show up to the event when they feel most comfortable.
- Committee Member Chezick suggested two bands (Michigan 126th army band and the US army field band) for the 2022 International Day Event and Committee Member Bica-Grotsky noted they would be terrific for the naturalization day.
- The group discussed that we need to get more funds for the performers for 2022 because many groups have had financial challenges, and can't perform without appropriate pay.

- Committee Member Bica-Grotsky mentioned that the group is hoping a few big corporations and community groups will support us strongly in order to support these performing groups better. Companies can buy the rights to Troy International Daze.
- Committee Member Chezick asked if the group would know if the naturalization ceremony was happening since it has not happened for the last couple of years.
- Committee Member Bica-Grotsky noted that we will know in the next month if the ceremony is going to happen for Troy Family Daze. The Troy Daze Festival will be held 16-18th of September 2022. They may offer us some time on Saturday and then Sunday the 18th will be the full international day.
- Mayor Baker noted we should plan for the naturalization event to happen on September 16, 2022 and that the bands mentioned from Committee Member Chezick would be great performers.
- Mayor Baker suggested the group should focus heavily on international day in 2022 and then maybe next spring (2023) do an indoor cultural event maybe in the community center.
- Committee Member Burrus suggested connecting with a group that already has their own cultural event to determine best practices does it for best practices.

5.) Other Business

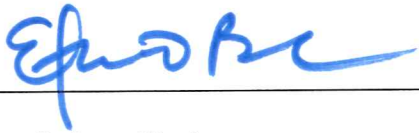
- Any group member that has someone in Troy that may want to do the invocation for a City Council meeting can encourage that person to reach out to Cheryl Stewart at Cheryl.Stewart@troymi.gov. Cheryl will send a sign-up link to that person. This doesn't have to be a person of faith.
- Student Representative Liu noted that there is an event coming up for the Lunar New Year. We will record it and post it after the event on February 1.
- Committee Member Chezick noted that it was his last time on Monday as the convener of the Troy Interfaith Group.

6.) Public Comment

None.

7.) Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.



Ethan Baker, Chairperson



Meg Schubert, Staff Liaison