

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-Grodsky
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 Allison 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: - 7 -
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.
- Staff Liaison Ames discussed that the 2021 Goals are similar from the previous discussion in February 2020 meeting and asked for discussion on these goals.
- Mayor Baker reminded the committee that GTAC desires to have a joint meeting with City Council to talk about the Goals of GTAC.
- Mayor Baker noted the City of Troy renewed their Welcoming America membership for 2021.
- 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 Liu asked for information on Welcoming America.
- Committee Member Sekhri discussed Diwali and his wish that the 2021 goals be include many different events highlighting cultures in the community.
- Mayor Baker agreed and discussed the City's proclamation for Diwali each year.
- Committee Member Natcheva discussed the possibility of adding events to those that are already hosted by the library and that events needed to be organized and followed through on.
- Mayor Baker agreed that events had not been followed through on in the past with the loss of the Staff Liaison Benson and the COVID19 pandemic.
- Mayor Baker asked Staff Liaison Ames to keep the Committee on schedule and updated on Welcoming America events, and to follow up with City Administration to get the Joint meeting with City Council scheduled.
- Committee Member Noguez-Ortiz asked about getting the message to the community and asked if GTAC had their own social media page.
- Mayor Baker said that Committees don't have their own social media, and that utilizing the City-wide social media is the best method.

- Committee Member Bica-Grotsky mentioned a survey that had been discussed previously as a way to get information from the community.
- Committee Member Sekhri mentioned recognizing talents of the community members, on the City's social media and the City of Troy website.
- Mayor Baker agreed that this would be a great idea, and that the goals albeit vague, would allow the Committee to incorporate such recognition and events.

Resolution # GT – 2020-11-02

Moved by: Suneel Sekhri
Seconded by: Awni Fakhoury

RESOLVED, that the Draft Committee Goals for 2021 be adopted as Committee Goals for 2021.

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

B. Discussion Regarding Scheduling 2021 GTAC Meeting Dates

- The Committee agreed that Wednesday nights worked well for meetings.
- Staff Liaison Ames will find out other group meeting dates, so that GTAC can schedule their meetings without conflict and bring it to the next meeting for discussion.

5. Other Business

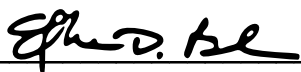
None.

6. Public Comment

None.

7. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.



Ethan Baker, Chairperson



Sarah Ames, Staff Liaison / Recording Secretary