Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm in Conference Room C at Troy City Hall

Roll Call

Present: Kelly Gu, Lulu Guo, Michelle Haight, Anju Brodbine, Malini Sarma, Tom Kaszubski, Reuben Ellis, Padma Kuppa, Mark Pritzlaff, Cindy Stewart, Staff Liaison

Absent: Oniell Shah

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from November 7, 2005 – Motion by A. Brodbine, second by P. Kuppa. Approved unanimously.

Correspondence / Articles

a. Diversity Ordinance Debated – Free Press 11/22/05
b. We Need to Confront Our Racial Problems – Troy Eccentric 12/01/05
c. Hmong Ring in the New Year – Detroit news 11/14/05
d. A Season of Shared Faith by Padma Kuppa – Metro Parent – December 2005
e. "First People" Carry on Native Tradition by Padma Kuppa – Metro Parent November 2005

Old Business

A. NCCJ and LINC update

Working on getting money to bring the LINC program promoting racial harmony, justice and tolerance into the Troy Schools. National City Bank's Foundation donated $10,000 to Community Foundation of Troy. Foundation will fund a youth leadership program level one ($5,000) in Troy schools. Tom will meet with Troy schools and NCCJ on Thursday, January 5 to work on a three-year program. National City's foundation mission is to promote diversity within communities where they do business.

B. EIAB goals

Revised Mission Statement:

"The City of Troy Ethnic Issues Advisory Board further enriches harmonious relationships and open communication in our diverse community through education and multicultural exchange."

Goals:

1. Work in cooperation with our School Districts to facilitate programs that promote diversity and multi-curriculum within our educational communities.
2. Support the Troy Daze Festival Committee in relation to planning and executing the ethnicity component of the Troy Daze Festival by encouraging the participation among the many ethnic communities.

Objectives – brainstorming ideas

Work with the schools to coordinate a "Sights & Sounds" program at the schools. Perhaps get 2-3 elementary schools to organize with a Middle School in the area. Encourage international week – fashion shows, food from around the world, musical performances.

Next meeting February 7, 2006 continue goals discussion and add Ethnicity to the agenda.

C. Resource List - Make available to schools and copies for Kaleidoscope.

D. Community Kaleidoscope - January 29, 2006 from 12 – 4 pm at Community Center. Idea to combine Ethnic Issues Advisory Board with EthniCity. Padma will be contact/Malini as alternate.

11 am - Set up	Padma/Michelle
12 - l pm	Padma, Michelle
1 - 2 pm	Malini & Mark
2 - 3 pm	Oniell, Mark, Kelly & Lulu
3 – 4 pm	Reuben, Kelly & Lulu

Display – TV/VCR – Globes - Anju
Misc knickknacks – Padma
World map - Michelle
EIA Info flyer, Sights and sounds flyer - Cindy
Ethnic City brochures & Sign-in sheet - Cindy
Resource lists & Sights and sounds promo video - Cindy

New Business

A. Sights and Sounds of the World – Saturday, March 11

No one has committed to date. Will send letters to contacts. Looking for some new countries (Japan, France, Norway, Finland, Sweden, Africa, Spain, Cuba, etc.) Email form letter for involvement to Board.

B. Senior Citizen Project

Scheduled for Thursdays, April 6, 13, 20, 27 @ 12:30 p.m. Room 303. Idea for several generations of people to speak to the group: India, China, Middle East, and Jewish religion.

Public Participation

Victor Lenivov, Troy resident asked if it is possible that this Board would re-look at their previous idea for a Unity Plaza. Since City is putting in paths throughout the Civic Center, this could be a good time to re-look at the Unity Plaza idea and perhaps bring to Parks and Recreation Department or City Council.

Bring plan back to Board @ future meeting.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. by Malini Sarma, Seconded by Michelle Haight. Approved unanimously.

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Tom Kaszubski, Chairman

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Cindy Stewart, Recording Secretary