

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present: Kelly Gu Tom Kaszubski
Lulu Guo Mark Pritzlaff
Michelle Haight Binny Samuel
Padma Kuppa Malini Sarma
Cindy Stewart, Staff Liaison

Absent: Amin Hashmi Oneill Shah

Motion to excuse absent members by A. Brodbine, Second by M. Haight.
Approved unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from September 6, 2005 – Motion by A. Brodbine, second by P. Kuppa.
Approved unanimously.

Correspondence/Articles – nothing this month

New Business

- a. Senior Citizens Project – approached by Senior Coordinator for a program to teach seniors about different cultures – how to get along.

Idea to start in January – bring in speakers from variety of different countries.

Ex. Use Mayada: Chaldean
Padma/Anju/Dr. Shiva Sastry – India
Flora/Charles – Chinese

Cindy will get more specifics from Carla and email to board.

- b. EIAB Goals – board wants to revisit mission and goals at the November meeting. Bring ideas and be prepared to discuss.

November meeting revisit goals/mission and be prepared to discuss new ideas.

Old Business

- a. Sights & Sounds World Bazaar – We only have 10 vendors. Consensus is to cancel this one and see if large room available in March to combine Sights and Sounds World Bazaar with Sights and Sounds of the World. Michele, Anju, Padma and Cindy will call vendors and see if they would be agreeable or we can mail them back their checks.

- b. NCCJ and LINC Update

The school district is on board with the proposal from NCCJ and LINC (Leadership in the New Century). Tim McAvoy and Dr. Barb Fowler have spoken to all school principals and they are now recruiting students along with Troy Community Coalition – Teens Taking Action. Next step is for NCCJ to put a formal proposal in writing for EIAB to review and forward to local businessman who will fund a diversity project dealing with youth.

Tim planned on speaking with Deb and asking her to send EIAB the proposal.

Board recommends that the EIAB student reps. and members of Troy Youth Council be involved.

- c. Resource Guide –

Email to new members. Also get to school counselors for all 7 school districts.

Possible mini grant to help print this as a booklet on annual basis. Get price on printing.

- d. Troy Daze – Recap

If EIA Board cannot step forward to take over the set up and manning of booth, it should not happen. Exposure is not good – hours long for small board to cover. Consensus is to concentrate on one large special event per year.

- e. Law Brochure, Museum Brochure – give company info to Anju to follow up for prices.

Misc: Binny Samuel said he is not a US Citizen nor registered Troy voter. The rule for Board & Committee membership is both US Citizen and registered Troy voter. He said he understands. Board will seek a replacement from City Council.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Brodbine, second by Pritzlaff to adjourn the Ethnic Issues Advisory Board meeting at 8:10 pm. Approved unanimously.