

**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 Tom Kaszubski  
Reuben Ellis Michelle Haight  
Padma Kuppa Anju Brodbine  
Mark Pritzlaff  
Cindy Stewart, Staff Liaison

Absent: Malini Sarma  
Tony Haddad  
Lulu Guo

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from January 3, 2006 – Motion by M. Haight, second by M. Pritzlaff.  
Approved unanimously.

**Correspondence / Articles****Old Business**

## A. EthniCity

Malini, Anju, & Padma met with Joann Preston and Doris Schuchter regarding EthniCity. They turned over to EIA three boxes and two poster boards – where can we store them?

Went over all components of EthniCity.

- Poster Contest – deadline, theme.
- Naturalization Ceremony – handled by the City - Community Affairs
- Flags (63) – flag stands

Friday – set up flags

Get volunteers for EthniCity booths. Anju and Padma decided they do not need monthly meetings. Will use e-mail, phone and one overall meeting to communicate with the EthniCity groups. Need contract and deposit. Check never cashed – given back of group mans their booth for two days.

Recruit students to help with manning booths - EIA Board will have a booth similar to kaleidoscope event.

Poster contest – past years' deadline earlier since school begins after Labor Day.

Shirley Darge books Ethnic Entertainment.

EIA Board can decide if you want only booths under the tent or booths around the edge of tent and small stage in center for entertainment acts.

March EIA meeting will be devoted to EthniCity.

Goal is to try and to get 12-15 groups to display in the tent.

#### B. Sights and Sounds of the World – March 11, 2006

We need EIA Board to call countries to get participation. To date we only have Middle East confirmed. Following is the list of countries and Board members assigned to follow-up with.

France & Philippines – Anju  
Poland & Ukraine – Mark  
Germany – Cindy  
Egypt & Italy - Michelle  
Pakistan, India, China & Russia – Padma  
Bosnia – Reuben  
Greece – Tom  
Hmong – Cindy  
Mexico – Malini  
S. America – anyone with contacts?

#### C. EIA Goals

Discussion on should the EIA make it a goal to promote diversity training for Troy community at large targeted to residents and businesses. How do we help people develop tolerance for all? At a future meeting invite the Hamilton Elementary School diversity team to discuss their strategies. They are leaders in our school community on diversity programs (teachers and PTO).

Idea to start piece by piece before trying to tackle the entire community. May 2 the Board cannot meet City Hall due to the

School Election. Cindy will work on getting a room at the Community Center) and invite Tim McAvoy and the Hamilton Elementary Diversity Team. Board is open to holding the meeting May 2 or 9 depending on their availability.

Goal #3 - Increase awareness of the City's diversity by offering training, programs, brochures and cable productions.

Next meeting vote on this goal and work on objectives for all three new goals.

D. 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.

April 6	Padma, Malini
April 13	Middle East - Mayada Faykouri
April 20	Jewish - Cindy will contact Shir Tikva
April 27	China – Contact Flora Tan and Charles Yuan

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. by .P. Kuppa, Seconded by Michelle Haight. Approved unanimously.

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Tom Kaszubski, Chairman

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Cindy Stewart, Recording Secretary