

Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm in Conference Room C at Troy City Hall

Roll Call

Present:	Tom Kaszubski	Reuben Ellis
	Padma Kuppa	Anju Brodbine
	Malini Sarma	Mark Pritzlaff
	Lulu Guo	
	Cindy Stewart, Staff Liaison	
Absent:	ONiell Shah	Kelly Gu
	Michelle Haight	Tony Haddad
Guests:	Shirley Darge	Marty Knollenberg

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from February 7, 2006 – Motion by A. Brodbine, second by P. Kuppa. Approved unanimously.

Correspondence / Articles

Free Press – February 27, 2006 “The recipe for multicultural learning.”

Old Business

A. EthniCity

The EthniCity tent is a way to educate visitors about different countries and cultures. The ambassadors will be our local students.

Proposed budget

Tent 60' x 80'	\$1,000
Poster Contest	525
Supplies	<u>400</u>
	\$1,925
Sponsorships (help to cover costs)	\$5,000

Ethnic Groups ask why should I be involved in EthniCity? Do we need to pay them? Ideas: Incentives for all groups – plaques – appreciation certificates.

- Allow them to sell wares, crafts from their country to make money.
- Small entertainment acts in center of tent - singers, tai chi, demo, dancers, etc.

Committee tasks:

- Work w/Shirley Darge regarding small entertainment acts
- Booths
- Student volunteer (greeters)
- Poster Contest
- Flags
- Passports/Tent activities for kids

Small entertainment	Anju, Padma, Mayada
Booths	Malini, Michelle, Padma
Volunteers	Lulu & Kelly
Poster Contest	Anju, Padma
Flags	Reuben & Mark
Passports	Malini, Padma, Michelle

Groups pay \$85 deposit - if they participate their check is returned. Padma, Anju and Malini will revise the letter to recruit countries. If ready they will pass out at Sights & Sounds.

Task timeline - by April 4, 2006:

- Booth participant letter finalized & mailed
- Contracts for booth participants
- Contracts for entertainment participants
- Theme for poster contest
- Deadlines for poster contest

By May 2, 2006

- Passports/kid activities

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

Countries participating to date: Philippines, Germany, Egypt, Italy, India, China, Russia, Bosnia, Mexico, Serbia. All will have entertainment plus participants for the fashion Show.

C. EIA Goals

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

Motion by A. Brodbine, seconded by P. Kuppa. Approved unanimously.

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	Jewish Shir Tikvah
April 13	Middle East - Mayada Faykouri
April 20	India – Padma, Malini, Dr. Sastry & Mrs. Jaya Doraiswamy
April 27	China – Contact Flora Tan and Charles Yuan

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. by .M. Sarma, Seconded by R. Ellis. Approved unanimously.

Tom Kaszubski, Chairman

Cindy Stewart, Recording Secretary