

**Call to Order**

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:25 pm in Conference Room C at Troy City Hall

**Roll Call**

Present: Kelly Gu                      Lulu Guo  
          Reuben Ellis                Oniell Shah  
          Padma Kuppa                Tony Haddad  
          Malini Sarma  
          Cindy Stewart, Staff Liaison

Absent: Anju Brodbine  
          Tom Kaszubski  
          Michelle Haight  
          Mark Priztlaff

**Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Malini Sarma seconded by Reuben Ellis that the minutes of Match 7, 2006 be approved. Approved unanimously.

**Correspondence / Articles**

- 1) Prayer Breakfast – May 5, 2006 @ St. Nick’s Cultural Center 7:30am, tickets are \$15. CS will email flyer to the Board.
- 2) Books of interest for the EIA Board to read -  
*The Great Shift of Wealth and Power to the East* by Clyde Prestowitz  
*The Flight of the Creature Class- The New Global Competition for Talent* by Richard Florida.  
“A community needs technology, talent and tolerance and must be proactively inclusive of all kinds of people”

Both are interesting reading as recommended by Padma Kuppa

**Old Business**

A. EthniCity at Troy Daze  
Booth participant letter finalized and given out to Sights and Sounds participants. No responses to date.

We need to email or mail letter/application again. Padma will go through 2005 participant list – CS will get new list typed up.

Theme for Poster Contest---  
2000 Unity and Diversity  
2002 Celebrating Our Heritage  
2003?  
2004 Diversity in the Arts  
2005 Diversity on Sports

**Ideas**

Diversity in Fashion  
Imagine the World As Your Canvas  
Celebrating Diversity through Education

2006 Theme chosen - Celebrating Diversity Through Education

Deadlines: Monday September 11<sup>th</sup>

Awards: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Honorable Mention, People's Choice.

Call Joann Preston — How many entries for poster contest? Where hung at Troy Daze? Awards?

By May we need to finalize children's activities (Masks, Passports – not this year), Crayons, Flag Match Game

Padma, Malini and Michelle will meet before May meeting re: activities.

Add Tony Haddad to flags committee.

Reuben Ellis will be co-chair w/ Shirley Darge for outdoor entertainment.

B. EIA Goals – nothing new.

C. Senior Citizen Project -

If anyone can attend April 6<sup>th</sup> please go to Comm. Center at 12:30pm.  
This one is the Jewish Faith led by Rabbi Aaron Starr.

Next EIA meeting May 9<sup>th</sup> -

Principal, teacher, parents from Hamilton Elementary talking about their Diversity Program.

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm by Oniell Shah, seconded by Malini Sarma.  
Meeting is adjourned.