

**TROY ETHNIC ISSUES ADVISORY BOARD
TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2007
TROY CITY HALL - CONFERENCE ROOM C**

I. Call to Order 7:05 p.m.

II. Roll Call:

Present:

Michelle Haight
Kelly Jones
Mayada Fakhouri
Cindy Stewart, City Liaison
Tony Haddad
Reuben Ellis (7:15)
Gladson Remos
Lulu Guo, student rep
Helen Yang, student rep

Absent

Grigore Buia
Anju Brodbine

Guest:

Karen Yelder

III. Approval of Minutes – July 10, 2007

Motion by Kelly Jones to approve the July 10, 2007 minutes, seconded by Mayada Fakhouri. Approved unanimously

IV. Correspondence / Articles

V. New Business

a. Report on Healing Racism Workshop –
Michelle wanted Institute for the Healing of Racism of Southeastern Michigan chairperson Leona Mackelvene to attend a future (Oct.) meeting re: resources they offer. How much time do we wish to allot for her? Board agreed to 20 minutes.

VI. Old Business

b. EthniCity

Booths – add Poland
Arab American Chaldean Council
Spanish Club
Carpathia Club (German)

Coming: Taiwanese
 India
 Buddhist International Association

Lulu will contact Latin Club.
Helen will contact French Club.

Cindy ordered 1000 4" x 6" American flags to be given out at Troy Daze and other events such as Kaleidoscope. Michelle will coordinate items for E.I.A. Board table. Map of the world (laminated) will be brought to EhtniCity by Michelle. She will also bring musical instruments, globe. Also the posters from the contest will be hung up.

Cindy will copy the one page info sheet on E.I.A. board.

Michelle has CDs from variety of countries she can bring to play as background music.

c. Recommendations re: Board vacancies and absences –

Board looked at proposed recommendations to be a member of the Ethnic Issues Advisory Board. Cindy will also check with the City Attorney if all these questions can be asked.

Kelly Jones made a motion to recommend Karen Yelder to fill the new vacancy on the Ethnic Issues Advisory Board which will replace Hailu Robele. Seconded by Mayada Fakhouri.

Discussion: Karen is a member of the following:

- NAACP
- Charles H. Wright African American Museum
- Board of Directors Boys & Girls Club of Troy
- Board of Directors Troy Schools Sex Education Advisory Board
- Co-Chair Troy Daze Talent Shows
- Founder of social group for African American Business owners in Oakland County
- Greater Grace Temple member
- Attended all sessions of Bridging the Racial Divide
- Attends all MLK Celebration of Freedom events with City of Troy & Troy Schools
- Athens Athletic Boosters parent
- Business Owner

Vote – Unanimous to recommend Karen Yelder to fill the EIA Board vacancy.

Her leadership, dedication and compassion would make her an outstanding asset to the Board.

d. Appointment of a Vice Chair

In case the chair is absent, it is important to have a vice chair to conduct the meeting.

Motion by Tony Haddad to appoint Kelly Jones as Vice Chair. Seconded by Michelle Haight. Approved unanimously.

VII. Staff Report

Please sign up for volunteer times and t-shirt sizes.

Public comment

Karen Yelder is very appreciative for the E.I.A. Board's support and said she will be a positive contributor. She is very excited about this Board's mission.

Member comment

Conversation about how Troy Schools can promote greater hiring of teachers from diverse ethnic backgrounds.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Kelly Jones. Seconded by Tony Haddad.
Meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Michelle Haight, EIA Chair

Cindy Stewart, EIA Recording Secretary