



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Date: March 14, 2016

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Subject: Presentation on the establishment of the Global Troy Advisory Committee

History

On March 9, 2015, City Council adopted “Celebrate diversity” as one of the top ten strategies for the city. At the 2015 State of City Address, Mayor Dane Slater announced a plan to launch the Global Troy advisory committee. The committee will focus on creating a more inclusive city and strengthening community connections among diverse ethnic groups in the City of Troy.

Global Troy is a city-wide comprehensive initiative to create a culturally competent community, where every resident feels welcome and included regardless of his or her ethnic background. Global Troy seeks to achieve cultural competence in six focus areas: city government, community, civic engagement, public safety, education and economic development.

Process

The intention of tonight’s presentation is to introduce Global Troy to the City Council. It seeks to educate and inform the City Council about the idea of cultural competence and the six focus areas of Global Troy.

The proposed next step is to establish the Global Troy Advisory Committee. The advisory committee will consist of 11 Troy residents appointed by the Mayor with City Council approval. Each committee member would be representative of various ethnic groups of the city and be a catalyst for open and dynamic multicultural exchanges. The committee members would serve as a valuable resource, as they bring different perspectives and aid the City Council on adopting inclusive policy decisions and creating a culturally competent community.

At the March 21, 2016 City Council meeting, a resolution for the establishment of the Global Troy Advisory Committee will be provided for City Council consideration.