



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Date: April 4, 2016

To: Brian Kischnick, City Manager

From: Eleanor Yoon, Management Assistant

Subject: Establishment of the Global Troy Advisory Committee (Introduced by: Eleanor Yoon, Management Assistant)

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. With the establishment of the Global Troy Advisory Committee, the initiative seeks to achieve cultural competence in six focus areas: city government, community, civic engagement, public safety, education and economic development.

History

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

Consequently, City Council adopted “Launch the Global Troy Advisory Committee” as one of the 2016 Strategies on March 14, 2016. On the same day, a presentation about Global Troy was made to City Council to educate and inform them about the idea of cultural competence and the proposed composition of the Global Troy Advisory Committee.

The Global Troy Advisory Committee shall consist of 11 Troy residents appointed by the Mayor with City Council approval. For the initial appointment, there shall be one City Council member, whose term shall coincide with the City Council term, and four members serving a three-year term, three members serving a two-year term, and three members serving a one-year term, so that the terms will be staggered. Except for the City Council member, all subsequent appointments to the Committee shall be for three year terms, and each member shall be eligible for re-appointment. All Global Troy members shall serve without compensation, and shall meet on an as needed basis to address specific referrals from City Council or City Administration, as well as independent initiatives. Each committee member would be representative of various ethnic groups of the city and be a catalyst for open and dynamic multicultural exchanges.



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Recommendation

It is recommended that City Council adopt the resolution approving the establishment of the Global Troy Advisory Committee.

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