TROY ETHNIC ISSUES ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes for Tuesday, July 15, 2008

I. Call to Order 7:05 pm

II. Roll Call

Present
Karen Yelder
Kelly Jones
William Lawrence
Cathy Francois
Mayada Fakhouri
Grigore Buia
Reuben Ellis (7:20 pm)
Lily Huang, Student
Cindy Stewart

Absent
Michelle Haight
Tony Haddad

III. Approval of Minutes – June 3, 2008

Motion to approve June 3, 2008 minutes by Cathy Francois, seconded by Kelly Jones. Approved unanimously

IV. Correspondence/ Articles – None

V. New Business – None

VI. Old Business

a. Troy Daze- Ethnicity

Booths confirmed for the EthniCity Tent
CAPA
National Federation of Filipino American Association
Peru
Troy High Chinese Club
Bharatiya Temple
Filipino American Community Council

Coming: African American Parent Support Group (Nadeen Brown)

No responses: Poland, Finland, Budda Light Intl., All Nations Lutheran is going to the Big Tent.

Kelly has calls to many organizations. Contact Kelly if any ideas on groups that would like to be involved.

EIAB Volunteers for tent looks good. Cindy will order 1,000 small flags to pass out to visitors.

Kelly will talk to Michelle. Re: passports. What information was on the one they did at Barnard. Mayada will bring her sample to Cindy's office.

Willie Dechavez has a fashion show planned. "Asian Cultural Couture Fashion Show" – possible to put on the outdoor stage? Need to talk to Willie- no cooking under the tent!

Committee needs to bring artifacts for EIA Booth- be sure they are not breakable items or heirlooms.

b. Troy School District Update

Elementary Schools: Kelly putting together a presentation for PTO's. with demographics, resources and information. Hopefully she will go to the PTO President meeting in September and perhaps a Principal's meeting. Karen offered to go with Kelly to get information for high schools.

High Schools: Karen looking to find out when she could talk to the high school principals and teachers. Athens High held an Ethnic Fair (May) very successful. Each ethnic group had a sponsor. They had a talent show, booths with information and food, fashion show.

African American Parent Support Group: Kelly was in attendance, along with Dr. Fowler, Kathy Davisson, Tim McAvoy, and some school board members. Students shared their feelings. Parents broke into groups on separate topics to brainstorm ideas and share resources.

Karen spoke on last night's planning committee meeting. They established a mission statement and goals, plan to come out with a brochure. Future plans include Saturday retreat to go along with their goals of academic excellence. Focus now to get parents involved. The group will have a booth at Troy Daze Ethnicity Tent.

Parents' workshop is scheduled by the African American Parent Support Group for Monday, August 11, 2008 6 – 9 pm at either Baker or Boulan (TBD). Invitation to EIAB to have a table to share information on EIAB. Reuben, Karen, and Cathy would be willing to be there.

VII. Adjournment 7:55 pm

Motion by Mayada Fakhouri, seconded by William Lawrence. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting Tuesday, August 12, 2008 at 7 pm

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Kelly Jones, EIAB Chair

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Cindy Stewart, EIAB Recording Secretary