

A meeting of the Global Troy Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 in the Council Board Room at Troy City Hall, 500 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy, MI 48084. The meeting was called to order at 5:56 p.m.

1.) Roll Call

Present: Mayor Dane Slater
Lisa Bica-Grotsky
Yudong Zhou
Richard Coon
Awni Fakhoury
Daniela Natcheva
MiVida Burrus

Absent: Syeda Nasiha Mohideen
Rouba Samman
Rebecca A. Chamberlain-Creanga
Kaitlyn Hao
Cathleen Francois

Also present: Drew Benson, Staff Liaison

2.) Consent Agenda

Resolution # GT – 2018-12-01

Moved by: Awni Fakhoury
Seconded by: MiVida Burrus

RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the July 24, 2018 meeting be approved.

Yeas: - 7 -
Nays: None
Absent: - 5 -

3.) Regular Business

a.) Introduction to City Manager Mark Miller

Staff Liaison Benson noted that Mark Miller had a scheduling conflict and would be unable to attend this meeting. Chairperson Slater noted that they would try to get Mr. Miller to attend a future meeting.

b.) Introduction to New Staff Liaison – Drew Benson, Assistant to the City Manager

Chairperson Slater introduced Drew Benson, the City's new Assistant to the City Manager. Slater noted that Mr. Benson is a full-time employee, and is expected to be the long-term liaison to the committee.

Mr. Benson introduced himself, gave an overview of his background, and noted his excitement to be serving with the Global Troy Advisory Committee.

The group welcomed Mr. Benson.

c.) Resignation of Samir Bagri

Chairperson Slater noted that Samir Bagri has moved out of state, and had submitted his resignation to the committee.

The group discussed Mr. Bagri's contributions to the committee, and wished him the best in the future.

Chairperson Slater discussed the process for appointing a person to fill the now open seat on the committee, and noted he is looking to nominate someone to the City Council in early 2019.

d.) Troy Daze Report

Lisa Bica-Grotsky gave an overview of the International Day component of Troy Daze that the Global Troy Advisory Committee had orchestrated. She noted that International Day had 23 different acts, and was seemed to be very well received by the community.

Bica-Grotsky thanked the group for their efforts to make the event happen, and the group discussed the work that everyone had put into it.

The group discussed the successes and areas for improvement of International Day, including getting a better stage for the performers, utilizing more funding opportunities to expand the event offerings, and the methodology for coordinating the planning process.

Bica-Grotsky noted that the next meeting about Troy Daze is scheduled for February, and the committee could begin planning for International Day after that kick off meeting.

e.) Consideration of GTAC Meeting Schedule for 2019

Chairperson Slater introduced the topic, noting that the committee has looked at various meeting schedule formats over the years, and sought feedback on the committees preferred schedule going forward. Staff Liaison Benson noted that both a monthly, and every-other-month schedule were included in the agenda packet for the group to review.

The group discussed the schedules, including the issues with inconsistency in the past, the difficulty of getting a complete group at every meeting, and the desire to be able to get more done with more meetings. The group also noted that if they schedule more dates up-front, they will always have the option to cancel meetings in months when they do not feel they are needed.

Resolution # GT – 2018-12-02

Moved by: Awni Fakhoury

Seconded by: Bica-Grodsky

RESOLVED, that the Global Troy Advisory Committee meet on the third Tuesday of every month in 2019, and approve the 2019 meeting schedule as printed in the agenda packet.

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Yeas: - 7 -

Nays: None

Absent: - 5 -

f.) Consideration of Incorporation of 2020 Census Complete Count Committee Responsibilities

Staff Liaison Benson introduced the topic, noting that the United State Census Bureau has reached out to the City of Troy to recommend establishing a Complete Count Committee (CCC) to help the City achieve the highest possible response rate in the 2020 Census.

Benson highlighted that the City has not historically had a CCC, as well as noted the above-average response rates that the City has achieved in the past.

Chairperson Slater noted that he has met with Linda Clark, the Census Bureau representative for Oakland County, and discussed what Ms. Clark had shared with him in terms of desired

format, activities of a CCC, and the importance of getting as many people to respond to the Census as possible.

The group discussed some of the barriers that an ethnically diverse city like Troy faces with getting a 100% response rate, and how the proposed activities of a CCC could be incorporated into the Committee's goals and activities in 2019.

The group requested that Ms. Clark come and present the topic to the committee in early 2019 to get a better idea of how the Global Troy Advisory Committee can assist with this effort.

g.) Discussion Regarding GTAC Goals for 2019

Chairperson Slater introduced the topic, and noted that he would like to see the committee make a concerted effort to establish specific goals and objectives for 2019. Slater discussed some of the previous goals and activities of the committee, and asked for feedback from the group.

The group discussed some of their preferences, including continuing the look into developing a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) plan for the City, continuing to coordinate International Day as a part of Troy Daze, and the regular Lunch and Learn events that the group has planned in the past.

MiVida Burrus noted that because a large portion of the committee was not present at this meeting, it may not be the best time to spend a significant amount of time and effort on this topic at this meeting. Burrus recommended Mr. Benson coordinate getting the top-three goals and objectives from each individual member via e-mail over the next month, and then having that list be presented at the next meeting in January for the group to discuss.

The group agreed with Ms. Burrus' recommendation, and Mr. Benson indicated that he would be happy to do so.

4.) Other Business

MiVida Burrus noted that the Troy Police Department is partnering with the community to host a "Not in Our Town" event that is aimed at proactively preventing hate and bullying and build safe and inclusive communities. Ms. Burrus noted that the event will be held on January 25th, and recommended to the committee that members should try to attend if possible.

Lisa Bica-Grodsky noted that she has been given an antique poster from a Troy Athens "Troy Ethnic Festival" from back in the 1970's. She mentioned that it is interesting that the community has been promoting the ethnic diversity of the community for so long, and the group discussed the event.

5.) Public Comment

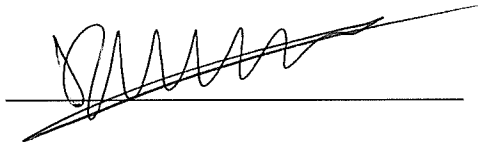
None.

6.) Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned 7:15 p.m.

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Dane Slater, Chairperson

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Drew Benson, Staff Liaison / Recording Secretary