

A meeting of the Global Troy Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 in the Lower Level Conference Room at Troy City Hall, 500 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy, MI 48084. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

1.) Roll Call

Present: Mayor Dane Slater
Lisa Bica-Grotsky
Yudong Zhou
Syeda Nasiha Mohideen
Awni Fakhoury
Rebecca A. Chamberlain-Creanga
MiVida Burrus
Kaitlyn Hao

Absent: Daniela Natcheva
Rouba Samman
Richard Coon
Cathleen Francois

Also present: Drew Benson, Staff Liaison
Mark Miller, City Manager
Caroline Radzwion, Management Assistant
Linda Clark, U.S. Census Bureau Representative

2.) Consent Agenda

Member Bica Grotsky noted that her last name was misspelled on page 2. Staff Liaison Benson stated that he would correct that error.

Resolution # GT – 2019-1-01

Moved by: Awni Fakhoury
Seconded by: Syeda Nasiha Mohideen

RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the December 18, 2018 meeting be approved as amended.

Yeas: - 8 -
Nays: None
Absent: - 4 -

3.) Regular Business

a.) Introduction to City Manager Mark Miller

Chairperson Slater introduced Mark Miller as the newly appointed City Manager. Mr. Miller discussed his background with the City, his professional credentials, and his aspirations for the City moving forward.

The Committee asked Mr. Miller a variety of questions, including his communications with the GTAC Staff Liaison and his expectations for the GTAC, and Mr. Miller discussed those topics, with input from Mr. Benson and Mayor Slater.

b.) 2020 Census Presentation – Linda Clark, U.S. Census Bureau

Staff Liaison Benson introduced Ms. Clark as a the U.S. Census Bureau's representative for the Southeast Michigan territory, and gave a brief overview of what the impending presentation is about.

Ms. Clark gave a presentation about the 2020 Census, what a Complete Count Committee (CCC) is, and what CCC's are intended to do to help publicize and support the 2020 Census.

The committee discussed how it could be involved as a form of a CCC, the activities and requirements that it would have to undertake should it desire to be involved, and how those activities and requirements correspond to the GTAC's mission.

c.) Discussion Regarding GTAC Goals for 2019

Staff Liaison Benson introduced the topic, noting that at the Committee's previous meeting, it has requested that the Staff Liaison collect goal suggestions from each member of the committee prior to this discussion in order to determine common themes, and establish a framework for this discussion. Mr. Benson outlined the most frequently suggested goals for the committee, and opened the floor for discussion.

Chairperson Slater stated that he needed to leave the meeting early in order to address a broken furnace at his house, and left the meeting at 7:15.

The committee discussed the compiled list of goal ideas, and City Manager Miller provided feedback and context to some of the suggested ideas.

The committee came to a consensus on the following concepts to be discussed at the next meeting in more depth as potential goals for 2019:

- Learn more about Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to continue the exploration of a DEI Plan for the City of Troy.
- Continue support for the International Day event, and develop metrics to evaluate the event's success

- Support the 2020 Census

Staff Liaison Benson noted that Management Assistant Radzwion and he would compiled additional information on these topics for the Committee to review and discuss at their next meeting, with the goal of more firmly establishing these as goals for the Committee for 2019.

4.) Other Business

Member Chamberlain-Creanga asked for additional clarification about the Committee's thought process about moving back to monthly meetings for the Committee. The board discussed this, noting their preference for consistency, and the increased capacity to discussed and accomplish their goals. It was also noted that this allows for more flexibility from Committee members to attend individual meetings as their schedules allow, and that there is also the option to cancel individual meetings as needed.

Member Bica-Grotsky discussed one of her additional affiliations, the Nuovi Orizzonti Italiani (NOI) Foundation, which is focused on investing and supporting Italian language and culture in the United States. Bica-Grotsky discussed her involvement with this organization, some of their upcoming initiatives, and some ideas for how the organizations goals align with the GTAC.

5.) Public Comment

None.

6.) Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned 7:56 p.m.



Dane Slater, Chairperson



Drew Benson, Staff Liaison / Recording Secretary