

Committee on Community Diversity  
Meeting Minutes  
April 7, 2009 – 5:00 p.m.

Administrative Conference Room  
Municipal Government Center

**1. Call to Order**

Committee Members Present: Chairman, Terry Wright, Bill Vogt, Gordon Wise, and Fred Enderle. Not Present: Vice-Chairman, Larry Hamilton and Helen Cuff. Guests: Andy Burner and Chris Schmiesing, city staff, Deb Osborn, applicant. Mr. Hamilton and Ms. Cuff asked to be excused due to previous commitments.

Chairman Terry Wright called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Wright agreed to take the minutes.

**2. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on March 3, 2009 were approved with one correction. That correction was corrected on page 3, bottom, concerning the meeting date. That date should read “April 7 meeting.” and not “April 3 meeting.” Upon motion made by Mr. Vote and seconded by Mr. Wise the Minutes dated March 3, 2009 were approved by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

**3. Introduction of Guests**

Deb Osborn introduced herself to the Committee and said that she did not know much about the Community Diversity Committee but she saw that bodies were needed to serve on the Committee and she was interested in serving. Ms. Osborn noted that she was a member of the Piqua Park Board and served with garden associations.

Chris Schmiesing, Piqua City Planner, introduced himself and said that he was there to gain information concerning the Committee due to Andy Burner’s recent retirement announcement.

**4. City Facility/Street Naming Policy**

Mr. Vogt explained the history of the Community Diversity Committee for the guests beginning with information about the ad-hoc committee.

The committee members voted by motion made by Mr. Vogt and seconded by Mr. Wise to place the tabled City Facility/Street Naming Policy on the table. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote by the Committee. Mr. Burner distributed the third rough draft of the Policy for the Naming of City Facilities & Streets document; most recent date of March 3, 2009. Discussion followed concerning new subdivision naming situations and the possibilities of the

Community Diversity Committee to suggest possible names for developers that would be appropriate and sensitive toward community diversity when such circumstances and situations occurred. It was stated that such preliminary information could be placed within the city informational packets for contractors and developers as they begin projects.

Other discussion followed concerning the Piqua City Charter, Section 94, City Planning Commission and its relationship to the currently proposed documentation within the Policy for the Naming of City Facilities & Streets. No action was taken by the Committee on the Policy for the Naming of City Facilities & Streets revised document and a motion was made by Mr. Vogt and seconded by Mr. Wise to table the matter. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Mr. Burner agreed to update all changes to the recent drafts by color coding the most recent draft in order to show changes from the different revisions of the drafted documents: Policy for the Naming of City Facilities & Streets. That color coded revised document would be emailed to the Committee members before the next Community Diversity Committee meeting.

Mr. Wright stated that the proposed Minutes would also be emailed in advance of the scheduled Community Diversity Committee meetings for the committee members' perusal.

#### **5. McCulloch Dedication Ceremony Information**

Mr. Burner described the current information concerning the McCulloch Dedication Ceremony. Mr. Burner stated that a program's rough draft had been prepared concerning those ceremonies beginning with a 6:30 p.m. city band concert and Civil Right's presentation with speakers at 7 p.m. Mr. Burner said that the speaker's list has not yet been finalized; however, a gospel choir is scheduled and there is a possibility that one of the PHS choral groups may preform. Mr. Burner said that Jim Oda has reported to him that the memorial sign is completed by the Ohio Historical Society. Mr. Burner said that there were some questions about getting the sign completed on time because of the budget cuts at the Ohio Historical Society. Mr. Burner said that one side of the completed plaque describes Mr. McCulloch's work and the other side describes related Civil Rights issues in connection with Mr. McCulloch's work in the United States Congress.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5 at 5:00 p.m. in this same location.

Mr. Vogt moved for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Wise. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry D. Wright