

Committee on Community Diversity

Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2009

Administrative Conference Room

Municipal Government Center

1. Call to Order

Committee Members Present: Chairman, Terry Wright, Vice-Chairman Larry Hamilton, Gordon Wise, Helen Cuff, and Fred Enderle. Not Present: Bill Vogt asked to be excused due to a previous commitment.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on April 7, 2009 were approved by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

3. Revision Policy for City Facilities/Street Naming Policy

Mr. Enderle distributed the most recently revised copy of **Piqua City Policy Naming of City Street/Facilities** to Committee members. The minutes of the April 7, 2009 meeting indicated that the members would receive color-coded copies of the most recent revisions in order to continue the reviewing process. Due to the retirement of Andy Burner and his absence during the May 5, 2009 meeting, color-coded copies of the most recent revisions were neither emailed nor available during the May 5, 2009 meeting. Mr. Enderle said that he would get the color-coded copies emailed to each member (mailed to Helen Cuff in absence of an email account) for continued review work during the June meeting.

4. Follow-up for the McCulloch Dedication Ceremony

Due to the absence of Andy Burner a regular monthly report concerning the McCulloch Dedication Ceremony was not presented. However, Mr. Enderle, Mr. Hamilton, and Mr. Wise did report to the committee that progress was being made for the dedication ceremonies and special attention was being focused on a speaker's list. Mr. Wise reported that there would be another McCulloch Dedication Ceremony Committee meeting on Thursday, May 7, 2009 at 4 p.m. in the Piqua Library and he stated that there should be more frequent meetings of the dedication ceremony committee considering that the event would take place in about a month.

Mr. Enderle provided a copy of the most recent media release by the McCulloch Dedication Ceremony to the Committee.

5. Mr. Hamilton Reported on His Appearance at the Board of Education Meeting

Mr. Hamilton discussed his recent meeting with the Piqua Board of Education members concerning the city's adopted diversity naming of city streets/facilities in recognition of passed resolution R-110-07. Mr. Hamilton reported that he had received an email from Mayor Hudson concerning the mayor's concern about Mr. Hamilton's remarks at the school board meeting. Mr. Hamilton reported that Mayor Hudson wrote in his email to Mr. Hamilton: "I reread the resolution that I signed and see nothing wrong with this business opportunity *[sic]* that the schools have taken advantage in the naming of the atheletic *[sic]* complex."

Mr. Hamilton said that as a result of his meeting and the mayor's email, Hamilton felt that the Community Diversity Committee should take action recommending to the city commissioners that the commissioners inform the public and voice their confirmation in writing and voice concerning passed resolution R-110-07 and, thereby, inform city boards, agencies, and other interested parties that this policy does exist in the city.

Mr. Hamilton made the motion to "Request that the Piqua City Commissioners, and agreed to be carried out by the city manager, send an official letter informing city boards and commissions, school districts, and other private institutions and interested parties about the city's passed resolution as specified in Resolution 110-07." The motion was seconded by Mr. Wise and unanimously passed by the Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 2 at 5:00 p.m. in the same location.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Terry D. Wright