

Committee on Community Diversity

Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2009

Administrative Conference Room

Municipal Government Center

1. Call to Order

Committee Members Present: Vice-Chairman Larry Hamilton, Helen Cuff, Fred Enderle, Bill Vogt, Gordon Wise, Barbara Miller, Debra Osborne, Richard K. Ghere. Not Present: Chairman Terry Wright.

Vice-Chairman Larry Hamilton called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM. The Committee members thanked Mr. Enderle for his previously taking of the minutes.

2. **Approval of the Minutes** from the July 7, 2009 meeting. Mr. Wise made a motion that the minutes be approved with Mr. Vogt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **New Business**

a. Selection of Recording Secretary. The Committee asked that someone volunteer to take minutes each month and Barbara Miller volunteered.

b. Community Diversity issues to be addressed. The Committee had much discussion on how to move forward, now that the City Streets/Facilities Naming had been approved. Suggestions were made regarding advertising to educate the public about the Committee's mission. Many topics ensued including recent personal opinion articles in the newspaper, advertising/informing through brochures distributed at front desk, press releases on Committee and recent final version of Resolutions, etc. The Committee does not think that part of their function is to respond to personal opinion articles, as this is an individual choice. A question was asked of the function of the Committee within Commission. Mr. Enderle provided copies of the Community Diversity Charge for clarification and discussion with attention to *I. - Mission Statement*. Mr. Enderle offered to obtain copies and mail to Committee Members, the Resolution from the Ad Hoc Committee, which established the current Committee. There has been movement and success as the McCulloch Square dedication has shown. However, in current economic climate, no development being pursued at this time, so no pending applications forecasted. Nothing to name currently, perhaps in the future and perhaps should focus on local business involvement for opportunities and to encourage participation. Committee members discussed topics from diversity to discrimination to naming of buildings. Mr. Ghere suggested picking a few issues and work on that to see if could incorporate into our City, i.e. short list of issues for long term commitment. Mr. Hamilton suggested coming up with five ideas and Mr. Enderle suggested if couldn't come up with five, come up with one idea. Committee agreed and will review lists from each member at next meeting. Action items for next meeting: One to Five ideas/issues from each Committee member to review and discuss; review Resolution.

The **next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 beginning 5:00 p.m.** in the Administrative Conference Room of the Municipal Government Complex.

Mr. Wise moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 PM and Mr. Vogt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Barbara Miller, Recording Secretary