

Committee on Community Diversity

Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2009

Administrative Conference Room

Municipal Government Center

**1. Call to Order**

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

Chairman Terry D. Wright called the meeting to order at 5:06 PM.

2. **Approval of the Minutes** from the August 4, 2009 meeting. Mr. Wise made a motion that the minutes be approved, Mr. Vogt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **New Business**

Mr. Vogt said that renaming of facilities because of changes over time needed to be addressed by the Committee. He indicated as an example, the Kiwanis Park not being desired as an organization's concern at this time. Mr. Vogt indicated that it would be helpful if those who promoted the naming or renaming of a specific property would be sympathetic to the maintenance needs of those properties and assist in keeping the cost of the city's maintenance operations to a minimum. Committee members agreed.

In other new business, members responded with their current lists of ideas and suggestions for projects and programs for the Committee's attention. Mr. Enderle stated that he would collate the lists into one document, leaving out duplicate ideas and suggestions, and email them to the Committee members before the next meeting.

A summary of those lists, although not inclusive here, included ideas concerning generating better community relations among diverse groups, education and a search for grants to conduct programs.

Upon motion made for Mr. Wright to contact Ms. Elizabeth Carver, Congressman William M. McCulloch's granddaughter, to determine the assistance she would need by the Committee to conduct interviews with individuals who knew her grandfather during the Civil Rights era and historic Civil Rights' legislation. A motion was made by Mr. Vogt and seconded by Mr. Hamilton for Mr. Wright to contact Ms. Carver about those needs. The motion was passed unanimously.

Another suggestion, made by Mr. Hamilton concerned the opportunity to educate the public on the issue of diversity by utilizing the educational institutions we have available in Piqua. Mr. Wright said that he was familiar with writing grants and would contact Edison State College and discuss the possibilities of writing a grant to secure a speaker on the subject, if the Committee desired. The Committee agreed that Mr. Wright could contact Edison State College and research those possibilities.

Mr. Wright said that a citizen telephoned him and asked why the minutes for the Committee were not on the city's web site. Mr. Enderle said that as soon as they were approved they were listed on the web site. Mr. Wright said that he told the citizen that but the citizen said that the minutes were not up-to-date. Mr. Enderle said that he would check but it was the policy to have the minutes on the web site as soon as they were approved.

The **next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2009 beginning at 5:00 p.m.** in the Administrative Conference Room of the Municipal Government Complex.

Mr. Wise moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. and Mr. Vogt seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Terry D. Wright, Chairman