

Committee on Community Diversity

Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2009

Administrative Conference Room

Municipal Government Center

1. **Call to Order**

Committee Members Present: Chairman Terry D. Wright, Vice-Chairman Larry Hamilton, Fred Enderle, Bill Vogt, Barbara Miller, Richard K. Ghery, Gordon Wise, Debra Osborne.

Not Present and Excused: Helen Cuff.

Chairman Terry D. Wright called the meeting to order at 5:08 PM.

2. **Approval of the Minutes** from the October 6, 2009 meeting. Ms. Osborne received the agenda for the meeting, but did not receive the minutes. Mr. Enderle will ensure that Ms. Osborne is on the email list for the minutes. Mr. Wise made a motion that the minutes be approved, Mr. Vogt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **New Business**

- a. Review Resolution to be presented to Commission – Mr. Fred Enderle.

The Committee reviewed the Resolution and there was much discussion over the items listed in Section 1. Mr. Wise asked about item *d. Partner with schools on mentoring/skill development* programs listed in the Resolution, and whether schools are doing anything already on this topic. Mr. Enderle stated that the City had tried but was not able to participate at the junior high or high school level, but they did do some mentoring with a young man that was disadvantaged. Mr. Wise asked why rebuffed at junior high and high school level? Mr. Enderle responded that the need might have been more at the elementary level. More discussion ensued regarding concept of mentoring. Mr. Hamilton commented that the Chamber of Commerce has a program called “Teen Leadership” that may fit into the skill development or mentoring type program. Ms. Osborne recommended as part of mentoring that every parent do one whole week of hall duty at the high school. Mr. Hamilton replied that he did not think that was mentoring. Mr. Hamilton also raised the question on an Ad Hoc Committee going too far in their capacity, but surprised how far they wanted to go. Mr. Vogt responded that it may open eyes to children due to their environment and mentoring could change their life. Mr. Enderle said that the intent was to develop ways in which we could promote or spearhead programs with schools. He also reminded the Committee that Exhibit “A” becomes a part of the Resolution. Mr. Wright brought up Ohio History Day as a program to promote, which is led by Andy Hite. Mr. Vogt asked if anyone had contacted Ms. Carver, Mr. McCulloch’s daughter. Mr. Hamilton responded that he had.

Mr. Hamilton asked Mr. Enderle if he was aware that there was an ongoing planning process for a statue of Mr. McCulloch. Mr. Harrison relayed that there is a plan from a group of individuals including: Jim Oda, Mike Guttman, Ms. Carver, Jim Dickie and others to make a direct appeal to the State Committee. Mr. Wise asked how Mr. Hamilton became involved and Mr. Hamilton explained that he was asked if he would like to participate in the discussion. He went to Ohio

Northern to review papers of Mr. McCulloch. Each State gets two individuals that can have a statue in the Halls of Congress. Ms. Osborne asked if this is something new and Mr. Hamilton replied that this has always been in place. One individual got thrown out and can only be replaced by one, as Orville and Wilbur Wright were being pushed but were seen as two individuals so they can't do. We have had two – one is Garfield and the other is Allen. Allen is being removed so there is an opportunity to replace the vacancy. There are others in contention: John Glenn, Edison, Neil Armstrong, etc. Mr. Hamilton described how much he had learned in reviewing papers and information on Mr. McCulloch. He had a fantastic record especially in voting rights, he went across lines and it was awesome what he did. Mr. Hamilton said that he was not under a gag order, just answering what is asked. There will be individuals coming in front of the student body and the people to make a presentation – audio and video. Mr. Hamilton thinks it will be used as a precursor to the State Committee. Mr. Adams, State Representative, is also a part of this.

Ms. Osborne stated that in Exhibit A, #10 an “and” should be deleted. Committee felt and is okay to leave in place. Mr. Ghere made a motion that the Resolution with Exhibit “A” be passed as is to the Committee for approval. Mr. Hamilton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wright asked whether there should be discussion with Springcreek Township prior to presentation. Mr. Hamilton believed that we would enter into dialogue with Springcreek. Mr. Enderle said that discussion would not occur until the Commission accepts the Resolution. Ms. Osborne commented that the Commission may want to know what our thoughts are. Mr. Vogt asked what the Township was feeling about that area. Mr. Wright asked what the interest was regarding the cemetery and Mr. Hamilton commented that it was about ownership.

Old Business

- a. Grant Preparation for Guest Speaker – Mr. Terry Wright.

Mr. Ford and Mr. Wright will get together and explore ideas and then bring back those ideas to the Committee for review. Mr. Hamilton attended the Digital Terrorism and Hate presentation on October 18th that Mr. Ford had suggested. Mostly law enforcement, not a wide variety of audience members. He found the topic very interesting.

Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2009 beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room of the Municipal Government Complex.

Mr. Vogt moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m. and Mr. Wise seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Miller, Recording Secretary