

Committee on Community Diversity

Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2010

Administrative Conference Room

Municipal Government Center

1. **Call to Order**

Committee Members Present: Chairman Terry D. Wright, Vice-Chairman Larry Hamilton, Fred Enderle, Judy Terry, Gordon Wise, and Debra Osborne.

Not Present and Excused: Richard K. Ghere, Barbara Miller and Helen Cuff.

Guests: Clayton Brown and Kim Brown

2. **Approval of Minutes** from January 5, 2010. (February 2, 2010 meeting was canceled due to lack of quorum.) Upon motion made by Gordon Wise and Seconded by Judy Terry the Minutes dated January 5, 2010 were unanimously approved with the correction on Page 6, bottom paragraph, second sentence which reads “Mr. Vogt recommended taking Section 1 out which was seconded by Mr. Wise. All agreed.” Correction reads: “Mr. Vogt recommended taking Section 1 out which was **agreed to by all.**”

3. **New Business**

- a. Review Tabled Resolution R-103-09

Gordon Wise made the motion that the Section 1 AND paragraph 3 of Resolution No. R-103-09 which reads: “WHEREAS, the Committee at their regular October 6, 2009 Committee meeting considered eighteen potential priority issues, projects or programs attached hereto in Exhibit ‘A’ and by group process, selected five priorities for recommendation to the City Commission.” be removed as per discussion with the city commissioners during the January 5, 2010 meeting. Judy Terry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Hamilton questioned the removal of Section 1 and Judy Terry reminded him that the commissioners felt, at the January 5 meeting, that the section was “too defined”. Larry Hamilton stated that he remembered the discussion and was in agreement.

As the result of the passed motion, Section 2 of Resolution No. R-103-09 becomes Section 1; and Section 3 of the document becomes Section 2, by the elimination of Section 1. The committee discussed and agreed that eliminating Section 1 of Resolution

No. R-103-09 would cause Sections 2 and 3 to logically move up in order and no further action would be necessary.

4. **McCulloch Statue Support** Gordon Wise made a motion that the Community Diversity Committee promote, encourage and support the nomination of the McCulloch statue dedication as one of the top ten finalists in the state's determination, process and hearing. Judy Terry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Following the passed motion discussion occurred concerning the best ways promotion of the McCulloch statue process could be achieved. Larry Hamilton provided the committee with various handouts supporting that idea. Mr. Hamilton asked if the city could help in promotion and publication of materials supporting the McCulloch statue.

Fred Enderle said that promotion by the city could certainly occur with existing abilities but funds and labor were limited. Mr. Hamilton discussed the possibility of providing internet links on the city's web site concerning the McCulloch statue project and topics of diversity such as "Teaching Tolerance, a Project of the Southern Poverty Law Center," and National Public Television links for diversity programming. Mr. Enderle said that such links could be arranged provided but would depend upon the committee providing such information in the easiest manner possible for publication because of the city's lack of funds and resources to spend on the process. Judy Terry and Larry Hamilton also discussed the possibilities and potential of using Access Piqua Television Association (APTA) programming for promotion and education of diversity issues.

5. **Old Business** Terry Wright reported that Looney Rd. was named after a family of settlers in the area. Wright also reported that he had contacted Shawn Ford of Edison State College concerning possible grants for programs concerning diversity but had not been able to meet with Mr. Ford at this point.
6. **Guests Clayton and Kim Brown** expressed their interest in volunteering on the Community Diversity Committee and voiced their opinions for the need of diversity educational programs in the city and schools.

Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room of the Municipal government Complex.

Ms. Terry moved to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Osborne seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry D. Wright, Chairman