

Committee on Community Diversity
Meeting Minutes
April 6, 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 Helen Cuff.

Not Present and Excused: Debra Osborne, Richard K. Ghere, and Barbara Miller.

Guest: Clayton Brown

2. **Approval of Minutes** Upon motion made by Mr. Hamilton and seconded by Ms. Cuff the Minutes dated March 2, 2010 were passed and approved unanimously.

3. **New Business** Mr. Hamilton updated the committee on the McCulloch Statue Committee's work. Mr. Hamilton talked about progress on the McCulloch Statue Committee and the local support from other towns. Mr. Hamilton continues to be involved and active in the process. School involvement and activity continue to be discussed. Mr. Hamilton said that he has been in contact with Piqua Schools Superintendent Rick Hanes who is interested in assisting in the process, said Mr. Hamilton.

Mr. Enderle reported that Piqua's web page has been updated with information on the McCulloch statue committee.

Discussion followed concerning difficulties with voting on-line for a statue choice. Mr. Hamilton said that you could print out the ballot, copy it and then send the ballot as a PDF file, or mail the ballot in after it is printed.

Mr. Hamilton provided a flyer for the committee that will be used by the McCulloch Statue Committee for promoting and encouraging voting activity for the McCulloch choice. Mr. Hamilton also provided an excellent video presentation concerning the promotion of the McCulloch statue choice. Discussion followed concerning ways to use the video in educating the public about the Congressman and the voting choice for the statue selection.

Ms. Terry asked if representatives in Congress and State Legislators could assist in the promotion of the McCulloch choice. Mr. Enderle and Mr. Hamilton agreed that it was the legislators who would be accepting the people's vote and make the final decision could not get involved in promoting an individual choice.

Mr. Hamilton said that there was no age limit on voting for the statue choice. Mr. Wright disagreed and said that at the recent Ohio History Day judging he had talked with Andy Hite and Jim Oda who both agreed that the time for letter writing and school participation was over and that voting was for those 18 years of age and over.

Mr. Wright asked that if indeed, there was no age limit on the voting, could this (distributing ballots and seeking votes for the McCulloch statue) be a project for Leadership Piqua? The committee advised Wright to contact Monica Wannamaker at the Piqua Chamber of Commerce. (Mr. Wright contacted Ms. Wannamaker the next day April 7, 2010.)

Mr. Hamilton additionally asked if something could be started on McCulloch recognition signs at the entrances of the city. Mr. Wright stated that at one time there were Gentile signs at the entrances to the city but they are now gone. Mr. Enderle said that the Gentile signs were being refurbished and would be back in place.

4. **Other Business** Mr. Hamilton made an announcement about Promoting Recognition of Diversity (PROD) events and fund raising. Mr. Hamilton noted that this year's event cover would recognize and emphasize Civil Rights with photos of an actor portraying Frederick Douglass and a photo of Congressman William M. McCulloch.
5. **Old Business** Mr. Wright reported that he has been trying to reach Shawn Ford from Edison State College who previously visited the Community Diversity Committee and stated his encouragement and willingness for the college's diversity committee to work with the Community Diversity Committee on projects and grants for speakers. Mr. Wright said that he has sent emails and left telephone messages with no result. Mr. Wright said that he has heard from another organization that has also had difficulty reaching Mr. Ford. Mr. Wise said that he would see if he could help in reaching Mr. Ford. (Copies of an email from Mrs. Wise, an employee of Edison State College, to Mr. Ford was sent to committee members the next day.)

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday May 4, 2010 beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room of the Municipal Government Complex.

Mr. Hamilton moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. and Ms. Cuff seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry D. Wright, Chairman