

Committee on Community Diversity
Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2010

Administrative Conference Room
Municipal Government Center

1. **Call to Order**

Committee Members Present: Chairman Terry Wright, Vice-Chairman Larry Hamilton, Fred Enderle, Helen Cuff, Judy Terry, Gordon Wise and Barbara Miller.

Guests: Ms. Karen Shultz, Mr. Chris Lee

Not Present and Excused: Richard K. Ghere

Committee Chairman Terry Wright called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. **Approval of the Minutes** from May 4th and July 6th were reviewed. Ms. Terry made a motion that the May 4th minutes be approved as read which Mr. Wise seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Wise made a motion that the July 6th minutes be approved as read which Ms. Cuff seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **New Business**

- a. Directional signage for the Rossville area
- b. Review application of Karen L. Schultz for Community Diversity Committee
- c. Acceptance of Resignation – Richard Ghere (term to expire 3/1/2011)

Directional signage for the Rossville area. Mr. Enderle distributed a copy of a draft for the signage for the Rossville area. Mr. Hamilton asked about the procedure. Mr. Enderle indicated that City Commissioners would be copied notifying that the signage was approved by the Diversity Committee to be posted on Dixie.

Mr. Wise asked about the wording of the draft mock-up and questioned the accuracy from the previously approved submitted draft.

The signage would have darker blue outline with logo in center instead of left side. Mr. Enderle will have wording corrected and with darker blue outline.

Motion was made by Mr. Hamilton to approve signage concept with changes made. Ms. Cuff seconded. Motion unanimously passed.

Review application of Karen L. Schultz. Mr. Wright began discussion that application should be accepted and Ms. Schultz would be an asset to Committee. Mr. Hamilton motioned for

recommendation of application with the approval of City Commissioners. Mr. Wise seconded. Motion approved and accepted. Will be on next Commission meeting agenda.

Receipt of resignation of Richard Ghere from Committee. Due to Mr. Ghere's job responsibilities at UD, he is unable to continue on the Diversity Committee. Ms. Cuff moved to accept resignation and seconded by Ms. Terry. Motion unanimously approved.

4. Old Business

- a. Sign – Giles Park
- b. Partnership between City and Community Diversity Committee
(in regards to matter of adopting Street Names)
- c. Review of Resolution No. R-41-10
 - *A Resolution approving the Community Diversity Committee priorities and authorizing the Committee to undertake a Work Program to implement projects consistent with those priorities*

Sign – Giles Park. Mr. Hamilton related signage discussion at the meeting at his home and with Ms. Terry and then discussion with Mr. Enderle. He asked about procedural process, if should approach City Commission over concern of the many signs and their placement in area. Mr. Enderle explained that one employee makes signs and places the signs. Mr. Enderle said that it is no reflection on the employee as they were not given much direction, just to ensure the signs were placed in the designated locations. Mr. Wise said that he had reviewed the area and was unsure whether it detracts or not but this was good discussion. Mr. Hamilton concerned about policy, whether there was a policy or should be a policy concerning minimum distance between signs. Mr. Enderle indicated that the placement of the signage would be reviewed prior to placement.

Partnership between City and Community Diversity Committee. Mr. Hamilton opened discussion that while reading the Piqua Daily Call, surprised to see an article about changing street names. Would like clarification of role of Diversity Committee in regard to changing street names. Believe there was process put in place that the Diversity Committee would review prior to adoption of the change. Ms. Terry asked what interest would it have been of Diversity Committee when it was not historical or concern of Committee. Mr. Hamilton was under the impression that street name changes or the effort to name a street or facility would include a step to bring forward to the Diversity Committee. Mr. Enderle explained that the Garnsey Street, Statler Road, Bridge Street now named “Garnsey Street”, was for clarification, not renaming. Mr. Wise stated that he thought it was to satisfy emergency and postal requirements. Mr. Hamilton still asked for clarification if there is a process about street naming requirements or if the effort is to be made to the Diversity Committee before adoption of the street name. Mr. Enderle explained that this did not trigger that step as had three street names and picked one. Ms. Terry said she would need to see the policy. If name involved Diversity Committee, then surely would be in front of this Committee. But, as Ms. Terry continued to explain, something for clarification of an address did not fall here. Mr. Wise said since Goodrich/Giles put to rest, would have looked at more closely. When this came about, if we knew that from beginning, no problem, but not our understanding. Mr. Enderle indicated that this was short, not three readings of street naming, was put through

more quickly as involved safety. Ms. Terry, read statement “in honor of” does not fall within. Ms. Shultz hear scanner and small street called several different things then decided need to be named one name. Mr. Lee stated that as a police officer being called to scene, street name has been called several different names and was confusing when responding. Mr. Enderle said not taking another month to resolve. My responsibility is to speedily take care of issues for public safety. Ms. Terry responded that if was renaming, in honor of, then will go through Diversity Committee, but this was not renaming, this was extending a name already in use. Mr. Lee commented that maybe instead of renaming, could see if someone to be honored, name that street. Ms. Terry related that all renaming of streets does not fall under Diversity Committee, that it is City business. Mr. Wise asked how long Garnsey had been like that. His point being that since this has been like that for years, why rush now. Why couldn’t have waited and discuss with Committee. Ms. Cuff interjected that the Committee should have at least been made aware before seeing it for the first time in the paper. Mr. Enderle said he understood that but also clarified that in his position there was no sense in not handling this more immediately when it deals with issues of public safety and postal delivery.

Review of Resolution No. R-41-10. Copies were distributed. Ms. Miller had asked that the Resolution be reviewed as had not seen discussion in previous meetings and wanted to ensure that all members had the Resolution.

5. **Other Business.**

- a. Discussion-Promoting Piqua for a Leadership Role. Tabled until next meeting as Mr. Hamilton and Ms. Cuff had another commitment and had to leave early.

Mr. Wise did want to recognize the months’ long struggle in the recognition of Mr. McCullough. No one worked harder than Mr. Hamilton and he needs to be recognized for his enormous work and effort in trying to gain recognition for the work done by Mr. McCullough. Mr. Wright also agreed that the vigor and commitment of efforts made by Mr. Hamilton needs to be recognized. Mr. Wise commended Mr. Hamilton on an outstanding effort and would like him to be recognized in some way.

Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Administrative conference Room of the Municipal Government Complex.

Ms. Terry moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m. and Mr. Wise seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Miller, Recording Secretary