CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
G.C. COMMUNITY DIVERSITY ADVISORY TASK FORCE

July 11, 2022 MINUTES Regular Meeting

1. The regular meeting of the Grove City Community Diversity Advisory Task Force was called to order by Chair Reynolds at 6:05 p.m., in the City Hall, Council Chambers, 4035 Broadway. Roll was called and the following were present:

Chris Moscato, Jeffrey Tadlock, Dorothy Stewart, Caden Bauman, Miracle Reynolds, Teresa Breckenridge, Shayne Downton, Dan Witteman

Ex-Officio member: Christine Houk, Council Member. Also present: Tami Kelly- Clerk of Council.

Absent: Lotus Boes, Missy Anderson, Danielle Williams

Chair Reynolds explained that Dany Davis has resigned and Mr. Al Patel has been appointed to be the new representative for Visit Grove City. Mr. Patel has had a family emergency this evening and will not be able to attend.

2. Ms. Stewart moved to approve the Minutes from 6/12/22; seconded by Mr. Downton. Motion unanimously approved.

3. Chair Reynolds reviewed the responsibilities of the Task Force, as outlined in Section 1E of Resolution CR-06-22.

Chair Reynolds then read the feedback she received from various members concerning the vision, mission & goals for the Task Force.

Mr. Moscato stated that he suggested a video series to share the lessons the Task Force learns along the way, so that the public can learn along with them. It was suggested that this may be an education piece.

Mr. Downton stated that the Resolution gives a lot of direction and a box for the Task Force to play in. He said they need to give the residents a purpose behind what they are doing and zero in on the vision/mission statement.

Mr. Bauman suggested an Open Forum to hear what the residents believe is needed.

It was suggested that the Task Force look at what other communities had done. Ms. Kelly stated that Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, was working on that request from the last meeting, but was unable to attend this evenings meeting. They will get that information to the Task Force by their next meeting.

Mr. Downton said he hears the members saying: inviting approach; inclusive engagement. These are words that can be incorporated into the vision statement. He said it is important to define diversity, equity, inclusion. He said he did a little search and found what other cities have.

Mr. Witteman stated that he just saw an article from the Mayor about diversity and he would like to hear from Mayor Stage what his expectations are for the Task Force and if their suggestions will be implemented. Ms. Houk shared why she initiated this legislation and what she hopes to see from the Task Force.

Ms. Breckenridge asked what are the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion statements the Task Force wants to establish. She suggested having each member share what they are most interested in and start sub-committees for each area.

Mr. Tadlock stated that he feels they have their starting point, as shown in the Resolution. He said he would like to hear from experts in each grouping.

Mr. Witteman suggested that the objective be: a welcoming, inclusive environment. He feels they should brainstorm to create goals toward this objective.

Mr. Bauman suggested that they list the groups/areas they want to address and prioritize that list. Other members felt that this approach may leave someone out. It was suggested that they could later define if any voice is missing.

Mr. Downtown stated that an open forum is a good idea, but the definitions of equity, diversity and inclusion, as well as a vision/mission statement need to come first. This will provide a guide for the community conversation.

The Members also discussed having a form and a drop box for residents to fill out, for those who would not feel comfortable speaking at an Open Forum.

4. Chair Reynolds stated that for the next meeting, everyone needs to come with their definitions and a vision statement. They will also discuss the logistics of how an Open Forum would be conducted. They will shoot for having that Open Forum at their September meeting.

9. After final comments, a motion was made to adjourn and was approved by unanimous consent.

Adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Teresa Breckenridge
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Secretary

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Chair