

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

Nov. 13, 2023

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

1. The regular meeting of the Grove City Community Diversity Advisory Task Force was called to order by Chair Reynolds at 6:04 p.m., in the Council Conference Room, 4035 Broadway, Roll was called and the following were present:

Missy Anderson, Jeff Buskirk, Shayne Downton, , Miracle Reynolds, Jeffrey Tadlock, Danielle Williams, Dan Witteman.

Absent: Viren Patel

Also present: Tami Kelly, Clerk of Council

2. Chair Reynolds said if there were not objections, the 08/15/23 & 9/11/23 Minutes would be approved by unanimous consent. Unanimously approved.
3. Members discussed next steps.

Mr. Downton said that for the City's benefit, he believes there should be a transition from this Task Force to a Committee of city employees. He explained that this is how it is done at the corporate level. Every department would have a person and they would share input from residents about their desires for the community. Ms. Kelly said the Task Force could create an outline and make that recommendation. She said the city usually creates committees on a particular topic and asks residents to share their input and become involved with their government to assist with decisions; shape policy; etc. This Task Forces was formed to bring residents together to share their thoughts on what the City does for the community and if there is anything missing or could do more of/less of, etc. The members agreed that this Task Force is less about diversity and more about inclusion.

4. Members discussed the make-up of their Task Force.

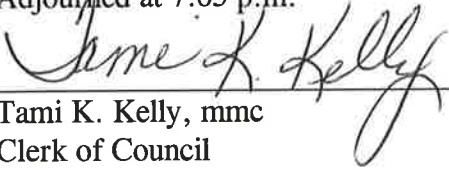
Ms. Kelly stated that Ms. Conrad, Dir. of Parks & Rec., has been trying for quite some time to find a youth member to fill the open seat. Now, she has both youth seats to fill and the Senior member seat to fill. Ms. Kelly said Ms. Conrad has asked many senior members and they have all declined. They are still working on youth members. Ms. Kelly said she has also contact Visit Grove City many times trying to get their appointee to attend or changed. This has not resulted in any progress toward an active member. Mr. Downton said that the membership has to change in order to grow into a productive group.

Discussion took place on how best to adjust the membership. They reviewed the original Resolution and agreed to recommend to Council that the following amendments be made: eliminate the Visit Grove City appointment, the two youth appointments, the senior appointment; reduce the Council/Mayor appointments to 5, using the same system as outlined. This would reduce the number of members to 7.

Ms. Anderson announced that she would be stepping down after the first of the year, due to her becoming a Council Member.

5. The Task Force agreed to cancel their December meeting, making the next meeting January 8 at 6:00 p.m.
6. There being no objection, Chair Reynolds adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent.

Adjourned at 7:05 p.m.



Tami K. Kelly, mmc
Clerk of Council



Miracle Reynolds
Chair