

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

March 11, 2024

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

1. The regular meeting of the Grove City Community Diversity Advisory Task Force was called to order by Chair Reynolds at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Conference Room, 4035 Broadway, Roll was called and the following were present:

Jeff Buskirk, Shayne Downton, Marcus Jackson, Miracle Reynolds, Jeffrey Tadlock, Danielle Williams, Dan Witteman

Also present: Tami Kelly, Clerk of Council; Christine Houk, Council Liaison

2. Chair Reynolds said if there were not objections, the 02/12/24 Minutes would be approved by unanimous consent. Unanimously approved.
3. The Task Force members welcomed Mr. Marcus Jackson, newest member, to the group.
4. Members reviewed the comments from the Community Survey. Each member took a page and pulled out the comments they felt could be discussed and possibly turned into action items.

Mr. Downton said he feels like there is a disconnect with the public about why the City is doing this, based on some of the comments. He feels they should work on a paragraph explaining the reason why this Task Force is important to everyone. Something that says "This is what it means to live in Grove City". A statement that says "this is what Grove City is about". Members agreed that they need the "who, what, why, when, where" type of statement to go along with their Mission and Value statements.

Ms. Williams asked what they want to do with the last three tasks in the Resolution.

Mr. Tadlock stated that he feels there still needs to be "that person" to carry communication and facilitate the on-going issues once the Task Force is finished. He still like the idea of a formal group inside the City. Ms. Williams noted that a city resource group was something suggested in the comments.

Mr. Jackson stated that "belonging" is a key component. People need to feel they belong. He said when other laws seem to be excluding people, seeing this Task Force mad ehim happ that his new community is going in a different direction.

Ms. Houk noted that the City has a Vision Statement of "To be a hometown where all are welcome"; and a Mission Statement to "Provide programs and services that support a life-long community".

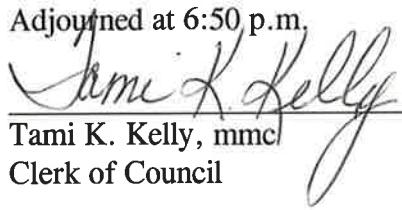
Chair Williams asked if someone wanted to work on drafting a statement. Mr. Downton said he would take a stab at it and send it to everyone so tye will be ready to discuss it at the next meeting.

5. The Task Force agreed to set the next meeting for 4/08/24 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Witteman said this group is a positive step and he shares that with friends.

6. There being no objection, Chair Reynolds adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent.

Adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



Tami K. Kelly, mmcl
Clerk of Council



Miracle Reynolds
Chair