

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

May 13, 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, Danielle Williams, Dan Witteman

Absent: Jeff Tadlock

2. Chair Reynolds said if there were not objections, the 03/11/24 Minutes would be approved by unanimous consent. Unanimously approved.
3. Members reviewed the statement drafted by Mr. Downton. He shared how he created it and said everyone needs to feel involved. This statement is a start and the members can edit it.

It was stated that this statement may answer the “Why” Grove City should create an internal committee.

Ms. Williams asked if this is justification for the “why” the City will continue this work. Mr. Downton said this statement could be added and linked to D.E.I. initiatives.

Comments concerning the Statement included: Ms. Reynolds agreed to the statement; Mr. Buskirk likes the statement but asked if “hometown” was needed in the sentence. Mr. Downton said he used that word as a connection; Mr. Jackson said it lets people know what we are doing and gives charge for the work to continue.

Ms. Williams discussed the City center and how this can be tagged on to their mission.

Mr. Witteman asked if we have immigrants coming into Grove City and if they have housing.

Mr. Downton said there are trust issues with some immigrants. This statement will be important to them – “Everyone is welcome”. Grove City is the least diverse suburb and we need to focus on the future.

The Members discussed the bus line, as well as the YMCA and the diversity of people who go there.

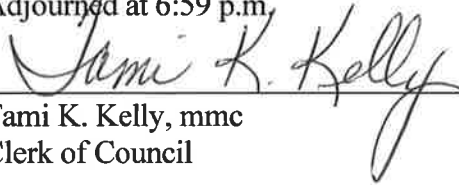
Mr. Downton said what matters is that people feel included when they come to Grove City. He feels a framework needs to be put in place to invite more here.

Mr. Jackson discussed the importance of an infrastructure welcoming of all. The group discussed creating a platform and presenting something to Council. The City would need to figure out how to implement it.

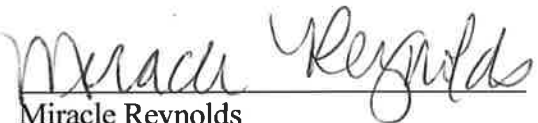
Chair Reynolds asked if everyone was in agreement with the Why Statement. Mr. Witteman moved to approve the Statement; seconded by Mr. Buskirk. Motion unanimously approved.

4. The Members agreed to draft a proposal to City Council on recommendations.
5. The Task Force agreed to set the next meeting for 6/10/24 at 6:00 p.m.
6. There being no objection, Chair Reynolds adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent.

Adjourned at 6:59 p.m.



Tami K. Kelly, mmc
Clerk of Council



Miracle Reynolds
Chair