



MINUTES
COMMUNITY DIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
VILLAGE GREEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
WEDNESDAY
April 21, 2021
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting began at 6:00 p.m. Those present included: Heather Karr, Councilmember; Stephen Hrytzik, Chief of Police; Dustin Sun; Dee Miller; Robert Davis; Taylor Brown; Karen J. Mitchell, City Clerk, and other interested parties. Andy White and Elina Coyne were absent.

OATH OF OFFICE: The clerk administered the Oath of Office to Taylor Brown.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of March 17, 2021 were approved as written.

NEW ITEMS:

- a. Presentation by Women for Embetterment on a Community Parade: Sarah Narayana, Jenny Yoder and Cara Randolph formed this multi-racial, multi-ethnic group in the Olentangy school district area that was organized to enable discussions on uncomfortable issues in an effort to bring understanding and create action within the community. They are here seeking to partner with the City and CDAC on future events. Their first parade to celebrate the many distinctive individuals who make up the Olentangy Schools family will be held on Saturday, May 1, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at Little Bear Golf Club with parking at 1940 Little Bear Loop, Lewis Center. All are invited to participate.
- b. Community Attitudes Survey Results From Diversity and Inclusion Section & (c) Holidays: Heather reviewed the Diversity & Inclusion section of the Community Attitude survey. Some of the largest response (21%) to the question about promoting diversity is to host events, festivals and TED talks. Dee likes the idea of the festivals as a first step and suggested that the committee also consider what comes after the festivals. Taylor agreed and said that this continuation would help to ensure a continuation of promoting diversity. Dustin felt confident that all the minority businesses would be willing to sponsor or donate toward a festival. Other suggestions were bringing in the new community band, cultural dance groups, and cultural type events, and having a presence on local social media sites.

ACTION ITEM: Heather will contact legal and communications and bring them into the discussion as well. She will also approach some of her connections regarding being a voice on social media sites and report back. Taylor will send out the cultural holidays calendar for the committee to consider and approach some connections she has from the Indian Festival, Asian Festival and Columbus Black. Elina, who was not able to be here, had some ideas regarding a potential special event, Passport to Powell, and she can present that next month.

- d. Update from Robert regarding OLSD conversation: Robert reported that emails had been exchanged between his daughter and the City Manager, but has no further updates at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m. The next meeting will be May 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.