



CITY OF WORCESTER

CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, May 29, 2014

City Hall, Room 310 B

Present: District 5, Steve Genduso, Chairperson
District 1, Richard Trifone
District 1, Coreen Gaffney
District 3, Tina Baxter
District 3, Wilberto Soto
District 4, Theodore Kostas
District 4, Jesse Gibson
District 5, Douglas Hannam
At-large, Angela Jones

Excused: District 4, Christopher Roberge, Vice Chairperson,
District 2, Katherine Evans

Staff: Pam Callahan, Human Resources

Guests: George Valeri, Candidate for ZBA
Ana Rodriguez

1. Steve called the meeting to order at 6:05
2. Welcome to new members Angela Jones and Wilberto Soto
3. Steve asked if anyone had questions or comments on the minutes of 4/16/14.
4. It was motioned and accepted to approve the minutes from 4/16/14
5. Selection Interview:
 - a. George Valeri was interviewed by the board for consideration of his candidacy to the Zoning Board of Appeals
 - b. Steve called for a motion to vote and Mr. Valeri was moved forward by unanimous vote
6. Smart Goals Update:
 - a. Review & Distribution of Trade/Community/Political/Youth Lists
 - b. LinkedIn- Tina reported that 10 Members have joined LinkedIn from invitations by CAC
 - c. Outreach Opportunities:
 - i. Ted will bring information to the Greek Festival June 6, 7 & 8
 - ii. Senior Center – it was suggested that information be sent to the center on Providence St., Exp. Diversity Works posters, applications etc. Members asked for staff to include information in Senior Scoop
 - iii. Senior Housing- members suggested bringing materials to the facility on Chadwick St.
 - iv. Polling Places- members request Liaisons revisit this issue and check to see if it would be possible for CAC Members to have a table in their districts during voting events. If not in the polls, how close?

- v. YMCA sponsoring a National Night Out, good to get B & C information out to that.
 - vi. Housing Resources- have information available for first time home buyers in the City
 - vii. Review of Letter to Organizations – members asked if the letter could include the link to the City’s website so recipients could apply
7. Project Management: Coreen provided updated task lists
8. Project Management: Review Tasks:
- a. Follow up with Jesse on outreach to faith based organizations
 - b. Angela and Wilberto will follow up and attend NAACP meetings
 - c. Request staff liaison talk to Police Officer who works with the local Pastors to attend a meeting
 - d. Steve and Wilberto will attend Juneteenth Festival-request staff liaison check with Parks Dept. for date of permit
 - e. Members suggest contacting Workforce Development to find out dates and times of community career events. Staff liaison and Wilberto will contact Harvis Deleon at Workforce Development
 - f. Correen will attend Worcester Pride event
 - g. Steve will do outreach to President of WSU
9. Members discussed the issue of CAC members arriving late for selection meetings and tried to discuss the appropriateness of letting them vote. Issue was tabled for another agenda as it was not listed on Agenda for topic of conversation.
10. Meeting adjourned at 7:45

/pmc

Approved: June 19, 2014