



CITY OF WORCESTER
CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES
CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, January 9, 2018 6:00 PM

Room 401, 4th Floor, City Hall

Present: District 5, Douglas Hannam, Chairperson
District 4, Jesse Gibson, Vice Chairperson
District 1, Martin Shanahan
District 1, Gerardo Schiano
District 2, Ken Asafo-Adjei
District 3, Davis Asare
District 3, Vanessa Valery
District 5, Talena Ngo

Excused: At-Large, Christine Greenawalt

Staff: Jeannie Michelson, City Manager's Office

Guests: Steven Foskett Jr., T&G
Aaron Richman, Human Rights Commissioner
Jayna Turchek, Director of Human Rights and Disabilities
City Councilor Lukes
Benetta Kuffour, pending appointee to CAC
Jose Zayes, Resident

1. Doug called the meeting to order at 6:12pm.
2. Doug asked if anyone had questions/comments about the minutes from 11/16/17.
3. Motioned was made to accept the minutes. Motion was 2nd and all in favor. Minutes approved.
4. Aaron Richman from the Human Rights Commission spoke about the vacancy factor on boards and commissions and the possibility of the CAC voting to change the voter status requirement so that more residents could volunteer.
5. City Councilor Lukes spoke about the need to have voting citizens serve on boards since they are charged with making policy.
6. Jose Zayes expressed his concern about opening up the process to non-voting citizens and requested that the CAC leave this rule in place.
7. After discussion, all were in favor of tabling the item until the next business meeting, at which time, the CAC members would formulate a list of questions to give to the City's Law Department for a legal opinion.
8. As requested, a list of appointments from 2017/2018 was provided.

9. As requested, a complete revised list of all boards/commissions with the skillset desired for each was provided.
10. Opportunities Fair will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Ghana, 5 Chestnut Street on Wednesday, January 17th from 5:30pm – 7pm.
 - a. Doug, Jesse and Vanessa agreed to attend with Jeannie
11. Meeting dates for 2018 were determined and are as follows:

2018 CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY OF WEEK	TYPE	TIME	LOCATION
February 5, 2018	Monday	Business	6:30pm	Levi Lincoln, Jr., City Hall
March 12, 2018	Monday	Selection	6:30pm	Esther Howland, City Hall
April 23, 2018	Monday	Business	6:30pm	Esther Howland, City Hall
May 21, 2018	Monday	Selection	6:30pm	Esther Howland, City Hall
June 11, 2018	Monday	Business	6:30pm	Esther Howland, City Hall
September 27, 2018	Thursday	Selection	6:30pm	Esther Howland, City Hall
October 25, 2018	Thursday	Business	6:30pm	Esther Howland, City Hall
November 15, 2018	Thursday	Selection	6:30pm	Levi Lincoln, Jr., City Hall
December 3, 2018	Monday	Business	6:30pm	Levi Lincoln, Jr., City Hall

12. Gerardo motioned and all agreed to have all future meetings begin at 6:30pm rather than 6pm.
13. The next meeting is a business meeting on **Monday, February 5, 2018 at 6:30pm** in the Levi Lincoln, Jr. Chambers, City Hall.
14. Meeting was adjourned at 7:02pm.

/jmm

Approved: 2/5/18 6-0