



CITY OF WORCESTER

CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, June 29, 2011 6:00 PM

Worcester Public Library, Saxe Room

Present: District 1, Pedro Figueroa
District 2, Anna Sequera
District 3, Christopher Condon
District 3, Craig Olson
District 4, Theodore Kostas
District 4, Christopher Roberge
District 5, Steve Genduso
District 5, Margaret Manoogian

Excused: District 1, Richard Trifone

Staff: Jeannie Michelson, Human Resources

1. In absence of a chairperson, J.Michelson called the meeting to order at 6:05pm
2. Members were notified of the resignation of Dee Ortiz
3. Members were introduced to new District 4 member, Chris Robarge.
4. It was motioned to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded and so voted.
5. The tabled item of voting on a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson was resumed:
 - i. Stephen Genduso and Rich Trifone were nominated for Chairperson. After a vote, it was determined that Stephen would serve as Chairperson.
 - ii. Pedro Figueroa was nominated for Vice Chairperson. After a vote, it was determined that Pedro would serve as Vice Chairperson.
6. Steve Genduso took over the meeting as chairperson.
7. Discussion of layout of vacancy listing: Members agreed to include districts on future lists.
8. The CAC will schedule a meeting with the Affirmative Action Advisory Committee in the fall to discuss recruitment.
9. Steve asked members for ideas for the July 19th business agenda:
 - i. Explore crime watch meetings
 - ii. Expand and enhance electronic media (facebook)
 - iii. Work with a reporter to clarify application process
 - iv. List of boards that are difficult to fill
 - v. Host a chairperson meeting
 - vi. Review interview process – applicants summary of resume or specific questions by CAC
 - vii. Invite City employees to apply to advisory boards
10. Members would like applicants listed in order by the number of boards they've applied to. (those seeking appointment to one board would be listed first)
11. **Foster, Matthew:** Worcester Art Council; 8yes / 0no
12. **Davis, Gordon:** Human Rights; 8yes / 0no | Disabilities; 3yes / 5no

13. **Almeida, Carlos:** Planning board; 8yes / 0no
14. **Bethea, Chantel:** Human Rights; 5yes / 3no | Status of Women; 8yes / 0no
15. **Burns, Jill:** Worcester Arts Council; 8yes / 0no
16. **Dickinson, Deborah:** Worcester Arts Council; 2yes / 6no
17. **Dufault, Gerald:** Trust Funds Commission; 8yes / 0no
18. **Hardy, Edward:** CDAC; 8yes / 0no
19. **Hiamah, Charles:** Affirmative Action; 2yes / 6no | Disabilities; 8yes / 0no
20. **Iir Mborja:** Worcester Arts Council; 8yes / 0no
21. **Momberger, Kelly:** Worcester Arts Council; 8yes / 0no
22. **Morton, Lisa:** Cable Commission; 8yes / 0no | Worcester Arts Council; 0yes / 8no
23. **Sirois, Chad:** Worcester Arts Council; 8yes / 0no
24. **Valeri, George:** Zoning Board of Appeals; 8yes / 0no
25. The CAC was approached by **Herb Cremer**, a current member of the Disabilities Commission. Mr. Cremer requested that the CAC review and vote on his application to become a member of the Human Rights Commission. The CAC agreed to vote but made it clear that, in order for him to be appointed to the Human Rights Commission, he would have to resign from the Disabilities Commission and that the decision to appoint him to another board rests with the City Manager. The board voted 8yes / 0no.
26. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

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