



CITY OF WORCESTER

CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 6:30 PM

HYBRID MEETING

Remote Access: Microsoft Teams

Physical Location: Levi Lincoln Chambers, City Hall

Present: District 2, Rachel Brown, Chairperson
District 4, Theodore Kostas, Vice Chairperson
District 1, Isabelo Cruz
District 1, Tina Zlody
District 2, Ammar Asbahi
District 3, Siaka Kromah
District 5, Carol Stovall
At Large, Julie Cohen

Excused: District 3, Michael Richard
District 4, Casey Thomas

Staff: Jeannie Michelson, Human Resources Department

1. Rachel called the meeting to order at 6:31pm
2. Roll call attendance: 8 members were in attendance.
3. Rachel asked for a motion to accept and approve the minutes from the 4/18/24 meeting.
 - a. Siaka asked that the minutes be amended to show he was present at the meeting.
 - b. Tina made a motion to accept the amended minutes and Izzy 2nd the motion. After a roll call, the amended minutes of 4/18/24 were approved. 8–0 in favor
4. Interview current applicants:
 - a. Sienna Ablorh:
 - i. Advisory Commission on African American and Black Affairs: 8 – 0 in favor
 - b. Derrick Asante:
 - i. Affordable Housing Trust Fund: No Show

- c. Carl Gomes:
 - i. Green Worcester Advisory Committee: 8 – 0 in favor
- d. Angela Kaufman-Parks:
 - i. Advisory Committee on the Status of Women: 8 – 0 in favor
- e. Diane Fratoni:
 - i. Conservation Commission: 8 – 0 in favor
- f. John “Jack” Murray:
 - i. Community Development Advisory Committee: 8 – 0 in favor
- g. Jack Newton:
 - i. Affordable Housing Trust Fund: 8 – 0 in favor
- h. Domenica Perrone:
 - i. Affordable Housing Trust Fund: 8 – 0 in favor
- i. Tahida Pope:
 - i. Advisory Commission on LGBTQ+ Affairs: No Show
- j. Ambrose D. Toekulah:
 - i. Human Rights Commission: 7 – 1 in favor
 - ii. Advisory Commission on African American and Black Affairs: 8 – 0 in favor
- k. Eric Brandt:
 - i. Advisory Commission on LGBTQ+ Affairs: 6 – 2 in favor
- l. Dona Romain:
 - i. Worcester Arts Council: 8 – 0 in favor
- m. David Romanoff:
 - i. Affordable Housing Trust Fund: No Show
- n. Luca Webb:
 - i. Worcester Arts Council: 7 – 0 – 1 in favor (Siaka abstain)
 - ii. Advisory Commission on LGBTQ+ Affairs: 7 – 0 – 1 in favor (Siaka abstain)
- o. Joshua Currivan:
 - i. Elder Affairs Commission: No Show

5. Updates:

- a. Library Space is available to reserve but needs advanced notice to secure space.
- b. Business Cards are on order and should be in soon.
- c. Website application update:
 - i. When an applicant submits an application online, they are taken to a screen that thanks them for their application. Jeannie will ask them to add contact information to the screen so the applicant can reach out if they are not contacted.
 - ii. Prior to an applicant attaching a resume and/or cover letter, the following language has been added “NOTE: any submitted

materials will become public record, however contact information will be redacted from all public record requests.”

6. Recruitment/Outreach

- a. Tina and Rachel agreed to attend the Grafton Hill Association meeting on June 3, 2024 at 6PM. Jeannie will send them the details.
- b. Permitted events: Waiting for responses to host tables at:
 - i. Girls on the Run, June 2, 2024 at Polar Park
 - ii. Latin American Festival, August 17, 2024, Worcester Common
 - iii. Approved for table at Worcester World of Foods, June 1, 2024, Noon – 6pm, Elm Park.
 1. Ted and Tina agreed to split it up and attend the event for a couple hours each. Jeannie will send them the contact information.
- c. Rachel asked CAC members to let Jeannie know if they are interested in attending any of the events listed.

7. Future Agenda Items: None

8. Tina motioned to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm.

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