



CITY OF WORCESTER

CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, June 10, 2024 6:30 PM

REMOTE ONLY MEETING

Remote Access: Microsoft Teams

Present: District 2, Rachel Brown, Chairperson
District 4, Theodore Kostas, Vice Chairperson (6:50pm)
District 1, Isabelo Cruz
District 2, Ammar Asbahi
District 3, Siaka Kromah (6:50pm)
District 4, Casey Thomas
District 5, Carol Stovall
At Large, Julie Cohen

Excused: District 1, Tina Zlody
District 3, Michael Richard

Staff: Jeannie Michelson, Human Resources Department

1. Rachel called the meeting to order at 6:38pm
2. Roll call attendance: 6 members were in attendance at the start of the meeting. 2 members arrived at 6:50PM bringing attendance to 8 members present.
3. Rachel asked for a motion to accept and approve the minutes from the 5/15/24 meeting.
 - a. Carol made a motion to accept the amended minutes and Julie and Izzy 2nd the motion. After a roll call, the minutes of 5/15/24 were approved. 6– 0 in favor
4. Interview current applicants:
 - a. Jennifer Griffin Gaul:
 - i. Worcester Arts Council: 6 – 0 in favor
 - b. Matthew Hardies:
 - i. LBGTQ+ Affairs and Human Rights Commission: No Show
 - c. Feanna Jattan-Singh:
 - i. Parks Commission: 6 – 0 in favor
 - d. Stephen McCauley:
 - i. Green Worcester Advisory Committee: 8 – 0 in favor

- e. Isamel “Izzy” Rivera:
 - i. Community Development Advisory Committee: 8 – 0 in favor
 - ii. Elder Affairs Commission: 8 – 0 in favor
 - f. Noah Meister:
 - i. Human Rights Commission: 8 – 0 in favor
 - ii. Historical Commission: 8 – 0 in favor
 - g. Gabriel Ramos:
 - i. Elder Affairs Commission: No Show
5. Updates:
- a. Business cards / Materials:
 - i. Jeannie will prepare materials to be sent to members. Rachel and Carol will pick up materials in preparation for the events they are attending.
 - b. Website application update:
 - i. Waiting for Tech Services to confirm that contact information is added to the pop-up screen so the applicant can reach out if they are not contacted.
6. Recruitment/Outreach
- a. An HR recruitment person will host a table at all out to lunch events. Events are held behind City Hall on the common. CAC members are welcome to join the HR team.
 - b. Rachel asked members to let Jeannie know if they are interested in attending any of the events listed.
7. Future Agenda Items:
- a. Julie discussed having a T&G newspaper article written about boards/commissions with it timed to Jeannie’s work anniversary.
 - i. Julie will reach out to Victor Infante at the T&G
 - b. Izzy said the same could be done with Pulse Magazine.
 - i. Izzy will reach out to Jenny Pacillo for Pulse Magazine
 - c. Spectrum and The Buzz with the City Manager were also mentioned but members thought it best to start with newspapers first.
 - d. Julie discussed having a set time where potential applicants can meet with a CAC member to find out more about serving before actually applying.
 - i. Ted said that he would be interested in doing this.
 - ii. Julie and Ted will coordinate this effort.
8. Carol motioned to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 7:23pm.

/jmm

Approved: VOTE: 6 – 0 (7-18-24)