



CITY OF WORCESTER

CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, September 17, 2014 6:00 PM

Worcester Public Library Saxe Room

Present: District 5, Steve Genduso, Chairperson
District 2, Christopher Roberge, Vice Chairperson
District 3, Tina Baxter
District 4, Theodore Kostas
District 4, Jesse Gibson (6:20pm)
District 5, Douglas Hannam

Excused: District 1, Coreen Gaffney
District 1, Richard Trifone

Absent: District 3, Wilberto Soto
Angela Jones, At-Large

Staff: Jeannie Michelson, City Manager's Office

1. Steve called the meeting to order at 6:20pm.
2. Steve asked if anyone had questions about the minutes from August 11, 2014.
3. It was motioned to approve the minutes. Minutes were approved.
4. Outreach Opportunities Held:
 - a. Opportunities Fair, 8/20/14 – Steve, Tina, Doug, Jeannie and Pam attended. Steve talked about the fair – talked to many people and handed out fliers. Jeannie to keep CAC posted on the date/location of the next opportunities fair.
 - b. Education Summit for Parents, 8/16/14 – Jesse and Jeannie attended. Jesse talked about the event. Although not a lot of people were there, fliers were distributed and left at the location for others.
 - c. UnCommon Job Fair, 9/12/14 – Doug attended. Doug talked about the people at the job fair being most interested in employment and not volunteering.
5. Outreach Opportunities Available:
 - a. Faith based organizations – Jesse has been working with faith based organizations regarding the Ebola outbreak. He is scheduled to meet with them again and will give Jeannie the information and updates.
 - b. NAACP meeting Monday 9/29/14 at 6:30pm YWCA Board Room –
 - i. Steve agreed to attend
 - c. Accent on Ability radio show – 10/14/14 at 4:30pm (show airs live from 5pm - 6pm) 799 West Boylston Street
 - i. Steve agreed to attend and speak
 - d. Workforce Development Volunteer Fair - Wilberto
 - i. Item tabled to next business meeting

6. List of Appointments – no questions.
7. Steve adjourned the business meeting at 6:29pm.
8. Steve called the selection portion of the meeting to order at 6:41pm
9. Sandra Bisson – Elder Affairs – Doug had to recuse himself because Sandra is a relative. No vote because a quorum of CAC members was not available. Sandra was asked to wait for one of the two expected CAC members to arrive. When no one else arrived, Sandra left. Note: this is the second meeting Sandra was at in which a vote could not be taken due to lack of quorum.
10. Jeannie called and left messages for both Angela and Wilberto.
11. 6:45pm - Steve and all CAC members introduced themselves to the public.
12. Steve explained the appointment process.
13. David Fort – Board of Health – 6 – 0
14. Susan Fahlbeck – Commission on Disabilities – 6 – 0
15. Paul White – Civic Center Commission – 6 – 0
16. Paul White – Zoning Board of Appeals – 2 - 4
17. Michael Grandone – Civic Center Commission – 6 – 0
 - a. Mr. Grandone wants to make sure there is no conflict of interest if her were appointed to the Civic Center Commission and his vending business.
 - b. Jeannie to check with Law Department prior to scheduling follow-up interview.
18. Shirley Konneh – Human Rights Commission – 6 – 0
19. Mesfin Beshir – CDAC – 2 - 4
20. The next meeting is a business meeting on October 15, 2014 in the Banx Room of the Worcester Public Library at 6PM.
21. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm

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Approved October 15, 2014