



AGENDA
AD HOC COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY
Friday, November 18, 2016 @ 11:30 a.m.
Council Conference Room, 10th Floor, City Hall
Updated 11/15/2016

Councilmember Carol Wood, Chair
Councilmember Patricia Spitzley
Councilmember Jody Washington

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Approval of Minutes
 - October 28, 2016
5. Discussion
 - Opportunity to discuss and network on Post-Election Depression
 - Final Report to Council on Ad Hoc Committee Activities
6. Other
 - Updates on Participants in the Committee
7. Adjourn

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m.

No quorum present.

Committee Members

Councilmember Carol Wood, Chair
Councilmember Patricia Spitzley- arrived at 11:37 a.m.
Councilmember Jody Washington- excused

Others Present

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Mark Dotson, Deputy City Attorney
Stephen Purchase
Mary Ann Prince
Stacey Locke, Peckham
Sandy Wolfe, Peckham
Tammy Lemmer, TCOA
Imelda Galdamez, MSU Extension
Annette Sokolnicki, MSU
Eric Weber, IAFF 421
Elaine Womboldt
Devan Pennington, MSU Student
Guillermo Lopez

Introductions

Presentations

Annette Sokolnicki, MSU Extension Educator, District 8

Health and Nutrition Institute Michigan State University Extension

Ms. Sokolnicki and Ms. Galdamez distributed handouts on the MSU Extension office services, their efforts on Diversity and Inclusion, multicultural workshops and resources, and the Health and Nutrition Institute Nutrition and Physical Activity Workgroup Report. Included in the information was information on the 10 bilingual staff members, and their work with the Arabic families in the area, along with Native American families providing them with resources and

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assistance? They focus on the underserved members of the community. Council Member Wood asked them if they were aware of the recent adopted Human Rights Ordinance and Ms. Sokolnicki affirmed their affirmative action organization. Mr. Weber asked if their workshops were open to anyone and it was confirmed that they were. Mr. Weber asked if they could promote career development with the youth to promote their agency connections. The representatives continued the presentation on the Workgroup report and the focus on teaching their participants to navigate while grocery shopping, summer work programs, nutrition education and multiple assistance in shelters. Council Member Wood asked if they work in the schools, and Ms. Sokolnicki assured them they do, and work on a Smarter Lunch Room program addressing policies, systems and provide a lunch room assessment to identify 3 areas of focus. In 2017 the group plans to work on maternal health focus, along with continued efforts on Project Fresh, which works with WIC recipients and WIC moms on fresh fruit.

Quorum of the committee at 11:37 a.m.

Council Member Spitzley asked if they provide information for school age kids to take home so their parents aware of the opportunities that is available to them. Ms. Sokolnicki acknowledged it is hard to get the information on Project Fresh out because that is run by WIC, and they are just partners. They do participate with WIC on any outside events providing education and coupons. Mr. Lopez stated that Northwest Initiatives does the school lunches so MSU Extension should reach out to them to put the coupons in. Ms. Sokolnicki continued stating that Project Fresh has been around for 10 years, and there have no discussions on cutting it. It is a Federal program and there is a frame work in place.

Ms. Wolf asked if the coupons can be used for plants. Ms. Sokolnicki confirmed they can be used only at farmers markets for plants and herbs.

Ms. Prince asked about reaching the diverse population. Ms. Galdamez stated that they work with low income eligible, and distribute their materials in English and Spanish, and do have State assistance with Arabic speaking participants, and also Ingham County has five (5) languages they provide nutrition education to.

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPITZLEY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 23, 2016. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Action/Discussion

Mr. Purchased confirmed the changes to the brochure had been made to make it compliant with the ordinance. The only changes needed are an updated website link since the HRCS does not have the ordinance on their web page. Mr. Purchase will provide the final brochure to Council staff to edit in the future and distribute.

8th Annual Cesar E. Chavez Memorial Observance Planning

Mr. Lopez asked for support from the attendees of the Ad Hoc Committee for the 2017 event. The date chosen for 2017 was March 31st. Mr. Lopez stated he would reach out to the LSD to confirm their spring break schedule to avoid a conflict of the attendance by a children's choir. Council Member Wood asked anyone interested to contact Mr. Lopez with their suggestions or assistance on the event.

Updates on Participants in the Group

Ms. Lemmer reminded the group of the upcoming TCA auction and dinner.

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Ms. Womboldt gave out dates for future Rejuvenating South Lansing events, and quickly outlined a bill by Andy Schor she encouraged everyone to support.
Mr. Weber outlined the upcoming election and Lansing Safe millage information.

Adjourn

Adjourn at 12:45 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager

Approved by Committee on _____