

Chairman Sutphen called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m., after the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Valerie Cruse, Blake Harris, Anthony Harris, Daryl Murphy, Taylor Sutphen and Daniel Williams

Members absent: Vilicia Cade

Staff Present: Naomi Twine - Commission Liaison, Talon Flohr - Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator and Kelly Kresser - Clerk

CURRENT BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion of Daryl Murphy and second of Anthony Harris, the members voted to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2019, meeting, as corrected, and suspend the formal reading.

Discussion: Daryl Murphy asked for the reference to the Candidate Forum to be removed from Page 3 of the draft Minutes as it is unrelated to the Equal Justice Initiative project.

The Chairman declared the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Talon Flohr said the **sign toppers installed for our neighborhood branding** have all been installed and the project is complete. Other investments have been made in the Erie Boulevard neighborhood with signage and lighting completed in the Parklet at the corner of Erie Boulevard and Cleveland Road. A fall pumpkin painting activity was held in this park and well attended. Although not all city neighborhoods have been included in the neighborhood initiative, we hope to change this as time goes on to be all-encompassing. The city's Law Director has stated it is permissible for images on the existing signs to be used by anyone. Anthony Harris asked if shelters could be added at the Sandusky Transit stops where currently there are none. Talon Flohr said his understanding is there is additional funding to add these and this is being assessed by the Transit Administrator, Nicole DeFreitas. Daryl Murphy inquired about the Reese Street resident who had an issue with an adjacent apartment building/property and a tree and limbs which are breaking down her fence. Talon Flohr said this is on private property and he will follow up to make sure our Code Compliance Officers can provide information to this resident to remedy the issue.

OLD BUSINESS

Daryl Murphy thanked the City of Sandusky for assisting with the **Equal Justice Initiative and soil collection at the site of the lynching in Sandusky**. Although somber, it was good to recognize this happened and said he received nothing but positive feedback about the event. The soil will be stored and displayed at the Peace & Justice Memorial Museum in Montgomery, Alabama.

Naomi Twine said this event was well attended by a very diverse crowd in spite of the cold weather. Naomi Twine said Daniel Williams gave very fitting remarks at the event and thanked him and Talon Flohr for the role they played for this event.

NEW BUSINESS

Daniel Williams said about one month ago he was walking near the former Klein's Dairy Frost on Cleveland Road and noticed a **neo-Nazi sticker had been placed on the Boy With the Boot wayfinding sign**. Talon Flohr thanked him for bringing this to the city's attention and said he will make sure it is removed as soon as possible. We want to keep a positive image for the city and said we have been going above and beyond to be welcoming and inclusive and this is not the type of message we want people to have about Sandusky.


After a discussion about meetings for CY 2020, it was determined they would be scheduled at 4 p.m., quarterly, on the third Wednesdays, as follows:

- **March 11**
- **June 10**
- **September 9**
- **December 9**


Kelly Kresser said she will send meeting notifications for these.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Daryl Murphy and second of Valerie Cruse, the members voted to adjourn at 4:25 p.m. The Chairperson declared the motion passed.



Attest: Kelly Kresser, Clerk
Date: 3/11/20



Taylor Sutphen, Chairperson
Date: 3/11/20