

Virtual | Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building  
4 So. Eagleville Road, Mansfield, CT

## MINUTES

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Fried started the meeting at 7:03 pm.

### 2. ROLL CALL

Present: Jane Fried, Jeannine Kanadia, Amy Nocton

Excused: Velda Alfred-Abney, Esme Allopenna, Quincy Farrow, Sabrina Hosmer, Barbara Vaughan

Staff: Katie Bell, Monica Ferrara

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 8, 2023

Minutes were not voted on due to lack of quorum.

### 4. MEMBER REPORTS

Amy Nocton shared a link to a document of all of the reports that Deliberation and Discourse and in those reports are suggestions for actions that can be taken. Jane Fried would like to collaborate more with the Deliberation and Discourse group at EO Smith.

Jane Fried also reported that she is going to be talking at the Senior Center about the Human Rights Commission to try to increase community engagement. Jeannine Kanadia might join Jane at this outreach opportunity. Jane also attended the one day long Debbie Irving presentation. There were 100

attendees. She believes that if we continue to get people to talk to each other we will make some progress.

## **5. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Affordable Housing Check In**

Jane Fried reported that Senator Murphy had an open meeting at Eastern Connecticut State University earlier today about affordable housing and other concerns. Katie Bell reported that Sarah Dufresne from Human Services went and that she might have some information about the meeting.

### **B. Pride Month and Pride Month Proclamation**

Members and staff briefly discussed pride event and proclamation.

Amy Nocton reported that the EO Smith students were really excited about Pride and that they have some ideas for the event.

Katie Bell reported that the flyer is about ready to go for the Pride event and they will start advertising the last week in April or first week in May.

### **C. Community Conversations**

Jane Fried briefly explained her idea on community conversations and asked for assistance in brainstorming some other ideas.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Equity Statement**

Postponed to the next meeting due to technical difficulties and lack of quorum.

### **B. Juneteenth Proclamation and Posters**

Members briefly discussed the Juneteenth Proclamation. Jeannine Kanadia is going to reach out to the schools to see if they are going to do something with Juneteenth and if it involves artwork. Jane Fried would like to change the artwork on the posters from last year.

## **7. COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

## **8. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting ended at 7:34 pm.

Monica Ferrara, Assistant Town Clerk