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4 So. Eagleville Road, Mansfield, CT

MINUTES

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Mitoma called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Bruder, Fried, Lorenz, Nocton, Mitoma, Vaughn

Excused: Daggett, Evans, Lapuk

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 10, 2021

Minutes were approved on consensus.

4. MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. Lorenz reported that she attended the Black Haven Webinar. She thoroughly enjoyed the webinar and the interdisciplinary approach of the game.

Ms. Fried reported that she is working on a discussion series put on by the Town of Suffield about getting people to talk to each other on a range of issues. She would like for us to add a program like this to our next agenda. She also attended a community conversations group on interracial dialogue, and she will be running a community conversations training program for the Windham Interfaith Coalition.

Ms. Nocton reported that attended she the Black Haven Webinar and part of the NAACP webinar. There is a guest speaker, Endawnis Spears, tomorrow night

(4/15/2021) for EO Smith. There is also another guest speaker, Arshay Cooper, in a couple of weeks, which individuals need to pre-register for this event. Ms. Nocton also reported that her students put something together for the Human Rights Symposium that is going to be at UCONN next week.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Equity Review Update: Draft Survey

The Commission reviewed the survey and agreed on discussed and made adjustments to wording, categories, and questions.

Members agreed on consensus that Mr. Mitoma would finalize the survey and send it out to the Town Managers Office to receive final approval.

B. Emancipation Day Recognition

Tabled until the next meeting on consensus.

C. MLK Mural Project Update

Mr. Mitoma provided an update on the MLK Mural project. Ms. Mitoma joined the meeting as a representative from CORE. Mr. Mitoma will continue to reach out to other Town Committees and entities to discuss partnering with the HRC for this project. It was agreed on consensus that the HRC will create a subcommittee for Management of this Project.

D. Windham Hospital Letter

Tabled until the next meeting on consensus.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Drafting an Equity Statement

Tabled until the next meeting on consensus.

B. Naming of New Elementary School

Tabled until the next meeting on consensus.

7. REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES

A. Town Charge

Nothing additional.

B. Communications and Outreach

Nothing additional.

8. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned on consensus at 8:38 pm.