

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

## MINTUES

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Fried called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

### 2. ROLL CALL

Present: Velda Alfred-Abney, Jane Fried, Jeanine Kanadia (arrival noted below), Amy Nocton, Barbara Vaughan

Excused: Raymond Fricano, Sabrina Hosmer

Staff: Katherine Bell, Margaret Chatey, Monica Ferrara

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May10, 2023

Amy Nocton moved approval of the minutes, and Barbara Vaughan seconded. Minutes passed with all in favor.

### 4. MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. Bell reported on the Pride event, stating that it was a success. Ms. Bell also highlighted how great Amy Nocton's work is with the GSA and how great the high school students were. Katherine Bell also reported that there is a new youth led program geared towards LBGTOIA2S+ teens that is launching this summer.

Amy Nocton also reported on some of the outreach her GSA students were doing for Pride Month.

Jane Fried had a meeting with Maria and Ryan regarding the Town's equity statement. She also discussed equity training for staff that will be engaging for employees.

Jeanine Kanadia reported that she attended the first equity training for Sustainable CT. She had brought some ideas for our community conversations from this training, and she stated that she really enjoyed it.

## **5. OLD BUSINESS**

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

Jane Fried reported that the Chronicle had a front page article about an Conference held at Eastern Connecticut State University on affordable housing. Members briefly discussed affordable housing issues in Mansfield.

### **B. Community Conversations**

Jane Fried talked about her ideas for community conversations that she would like to run. In September, October, and November. The first will be in collaboration with EO Smith's Deliberation and Discourse group with the hopes to hold it in the end of September or beginning of October. Members discussed other ideas for community conversations.

*Jeanine Kanadia arrived at 7:37 pm.*

### **C. Equity Statement**

Members briefly discussed the draft equity statement and it will be added to the next meeting's agenda to be further discussed after it is checked against Sustainable CT's standards for an equity statement to obtain gold status.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **7. COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

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

None.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

Barbara Vaughan moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 pm, Velda Alfred-Abney seconded. Meeting adjourned with all in favor.