MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER**-Acting Chair Fried called the meeting to order at 7:05

2. **ROLL CALL**-Attending: A. Nocton, E. Alloppena, J. Fried
   
   Absent: B. Vaughn, Q. Farrow, G. Mitoma

   Guests: F. Famularo, M. Chatey (staff)

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
   (none to approve)

4. **OLD BUSINESS**
   A. **Survey Results to Action Areas-Affordable Housing**- J. Fried reminded the group that Public Education is HRC’s primary charge. Elevating awareness of the issues and bringing appropriate attention to the governing bodies should be the priority. E. Alloppena will inquire about who the members of the Affordable Housing Committee are through the Town Clerk’s office so HRC-Outreach can make contact. M. Chatey will locate and share the drafted Sustainable CT summary about Affordable Housing. Other potential action areas from the survey include inclusivity/lack of diversity, access to housing and transportation, discrimination/intolerance, lack of services for individuals with disabilities, chronic health complications and access to mental health services, and access to job opportunities. A. Nocton will follow up with Supt. Peter Dart to invite him to the August meeting, and potentially with S. Cournoyer.

   B. **Book Club Update**- J. Fried reported that HRC has a $5,000 budget, and that contracting with Debby Irving to lead a book discussion for *Waking Up White* is affordable within this budget. Mansfield Public Library (MPL) will order books for a book discussion. J. Fried intends to lead two discussion sessions and invite the author for the third session. Fall dates will be established with MPL and the author so publicity can begin. A. Nocton suggested that perhaps E.O. Smith’s CAB group could also support participation in this discussion.

   C. **Suggestion Box**- B. Vaughan had suggested edits, and a QR Code will be added, so M. Chatey will make changes and print. Permission to post them in the Sr. Center, MPL and Community Center has been obtained.
D. Discussion about Future Outreach Opportunities
-Celebrate Mansfield Festival September 24, 2022-B. Vaughn is chairing HRC’s presence at the festival and already filed the registration form on behalf of HRC. Intent is to table outside of Library Express area where Building Bridges photo exhibit will be displayed.

E. Membership Recruitment-The group agreed to reach out to Ameliani who is attending UConn this year, plus several individuals and families to invite them to attend the August 10 HRC meeting.

F. Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration-Q. Farrow had expressed interest in helping to develop an appropriate celebration and J. Fried will follow up with her to discuss in August. M. Chatley suggested that Derek and Felicia review the links on the Indigenous Peoples Day website for accuracy and updating in order to enhance it on the HRC page.

5. NEW BUSINESS-None.
6. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT-No members of the public attending.

7. ADJOURNMENT at 7:38 PM

Next Meeting: August 17, 2022 7:00 PM