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

## MINUTES

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Mitoma called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

### 2. ROLL CALL

Present: Allopenna (arrival noted below), Evans, Fried, Lapuk, Mitoma, Nocton, Vaughan (arrival noted below)

Excused: Bruder, Lorenz

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 8, 2021

Minutes approved by consensus.

### 4. MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. Vaughan and Ms. Allopenna arrived at 7:06 pm.

Ms. Fried reported that she signed up for a 6 week workshop titled: Wide Awake. It will discuss European history of whiteness and more. She feels that it will be a good workshop, and she knows some of the presenters.

Ms. Nocton said that she saw Jason Reynolds speak. She reported that her students including our student volunteers and Ms. Allopenna are working hard on Deliberation and Discourse events.

Ms. Bell reported that the diversion program is anticipating to have the memorandums of agreement on the January 24, 2022 Town Council agenda. Once all the towns sign the agreements, they will be able to start taking referrals for diversion.

Ms. Fried also reported that she had a nice conversation with Councilor Schurin who was questioning some of the categorizations on the survey.

Mr. Mitoma reported that he communicated the annual report to the Town Managers Office. It was on the last Council meeting agenda as a communication.

## **5. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Community Conversations**

Ms. Fried reported that the HRC was turned down for the grant that she applied for. She believes that we will start Community Conversations in 2023. She will consult more with people about grant writing, and will be ready to go for next year. She will also like to try to do a book discussion by fall of 2023 if she can find funding.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **7. COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

## **8. REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES**

### **A. Town Charge**

They will be meeting at the end of the month.

### **B. Communications and Outreach**

Ms. Fried asked a question regarding the witness stone project. Ms. Nocton provided some additional information on the project. It was agreed that the Mansfield Human Right's Commission should monitor this project and see if there is any help they can provide.

## **9. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 7:29 pm.