

April 27, 2021, 6:30 pm

GoToMeeting | 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 6:35 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Virginia Lorenz, Glenn Mitoma, and Amy Nocton were present

Heather Evans joined at 6:47 pm

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 23, 2021

Minutes were approved by consensus.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Updates on Equity Review

The Equity Review survey is making its way through the approval process and the process is going well. Hopefully we will be cleared to push it to the public in the first weeks of May. The Town Council has been supportive of this work. Glenn is also optimistic that there might be a way to tie the data in from this survey to the MLK mural project. Deadline is still June.

B. Emancipation Day Recognition

Glenn and Virginia will be working on this. There was some confusion as to whom had agreed to take this on, but then it was recently discovered that Glenn and Virginia will be drafting something for Emancipation Day. This should be a great opportunity to showcase the mural project to highlight the work of the HRC and also to make a public proclamation about the day.

Good News from the Town Council Meeting last night: The letter about the closure of the maternity ward at Windham Hospital that Heather Evans drafted for our committee was discussed at the Town Council and we learned that the letter needed to be approved by the Town Council before any committee submit a letter as a Town of Mansfield committee. The letter was approved, we have been given Town letterhead to submit the letter and this will be done tomorrow (4/28/2021).

Heather asked about whether or not she might submit the letter as an editorial piece. It was determined that she may do so as a concerned citizen who is a member of the HRC, but not do so from the committee as a whole.

Amy will invite an EO student for public comment at our May 12 meeting. He has a number of concerns about human rights and social justice issues in the world, especially the United States at this moment in time.

5. NEW BUSINESS

None.

6. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.