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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 7:04 pm.

### 2. ROLL CALL

Present: Evans, Daggett, Lapuk, Lorenz, Mitoma, Nocton

Excused: Bruder, Fried, Vaughan

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 14, 2021

Minutes were approved on consensus.

### 4. MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. Lapuk noted that it is Eid and that we should be careful about setting our meetings on a holiday that impact our community.

Ms. Nocton reported that the end of the speaker series at EO Smith was very successful and that their last dialogue was moved to June 3<sup>rd</sup>. She also stated that Katie Bell guest spoke at a GSA meeting recently.

Mr. Mitoma reported that he had a conversation with the Hampden Human Rights Commission and their hope to connect with Human Rights Commissions across the state. He was invited to their meeting tomorrow night at 7 pm which he cannot attend, but he was wondering if someone would like to be the Mansfield representative.

## **5. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Equity Review Update**

Members briefly reviewed the survey and flyer and suggested some small edits. It was agreed on consensus that with these corrections to the survey and the flyer that it can be sent out with a hopeful launch date of Friday, May 14, 2021. It was also agreed on consensus that June 30, 2021 will be the day the survey closes.

### **B. Emancipation Day Recognition Update**

Commission Members briefly discussed the proposed Juneteenth Independence Day Proclamation.

It was agreed on consensus to send this to the Town Council for their May 24, 2021 meeting.

### **C. MLK Mural Project**

Mr. Mitoma provided a quick update on the MLK mural project.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. LGBTQIA+ Month**

Commission members briefly discussed the proposed LGBTQIA+ Month proclamation. The Commission discussed making some small edits. The Commission agreed on consensus that the proclamation as amended will be sent to Town Council for their May 24, 2021 meeting.

### **B. Drafting an Equity Statement**

Mr. Mitoma stated that the Board of Education is going to have an equity statement on the agenda for their next meeting.

This agenda item will be tabled until Mr. Mitoma is able to connect with Ms. Lyman and see what sort of collaboration they are able to do. It was agreed on consensus to send this to the Town Charge Subcommittee if Mr. Mitoma hears back before their meeting on May 25, 2021.

### **C. Naming of New Elementary School**

Ms. Evans reported that she would like the Commission to be mindful of the name of the new elementary school. Commission members briefly discussed some options for naming the school or areas of the school to promote equity.

It was agreed on consensus that Ms. Evans will reach out to the School Board to see if a name has already been decided.

## **7. REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES**

### **A. Town Charge**

Ms. Evans reported that the letter to Hartford Healthcare was approved unanimously by the Town Council. She further reported that the NAACP saw the letter and that they were interested in collaborating on future projects.

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

None.

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

None.

## **9. REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. Community Conversations Proposal – Jane Fried, Vice Chair**

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned on consensus at 8:43 pm.