

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Daggett, Vaughan, Lapuk, Fried

Guests: Margaret Chatey

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 17, 2021

An amendment was proposed and approved: Dr. Fried noted that if Dr. Mitoma was to be referred to as such in the minutes, she wished to be noted as Dr. as well.

Additionally: Also in attendance was Margaret Chatey

Minutes were otherwise approved on consensus.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Updates on Outreach Opportunities

Members noted that they feel a statistical analysis of the data collected from the survey would be useful, preferably as soon as possible. The commission began planning for the release of the survey data to the town council and then to the greater Mansfield community.

Dr. Fried reported that she reached out to the superintendent on 7/27 to collect data from a separate survey at E.O. Smith, but received no indication from the administration that this data could be shared with the commission.

Dr. DeLoreto did note that another climate survey was in the works. Ms. Chatey stated that once the commission has consolidated the key takeaways from our analysis, that members should reach out to the Board of Education and ask to present these to them.

Dr. Fried informed the subcommittee that she has been carrying out research on affordable housing and plans to highlight the potential human rights concerns posed by UConn's recent purchase of the multi-family

housing land that threatens affordable housing, particularly for UConn community members (faculty, staff) of color.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Important Dates/Holidays for Events

The commission discussed possible ways of marking Indigenous Peoples day this year, noting that it is a week after the Celebrate Mansfield Parade, which might also be an opportunity for outreach. The commission questioned whether it is the Town's role to organize celebrations for Indigenous Peoples day and discussed the possibility of collaborating with Indigenous groups in the area. Other ideas included activities and displays at the library, a land acknowledgement statement on the town website, or a website like that which was created for Pride Month with links to resources and history (perhaps involving the Historical Society). Bearing the fact that the mural might not be ready to unveil by Indigenous Peoples Day, members noted that Human Rights Day might be a good alternative.

The commission also discussed setting up a table at the Mansfield Festival to finally interact with the community, possibly conducting interviews, having a large map with pushpins for families to mark their ancestry, taking suggestions in a box or using a QR code and Google form, and handing out contact information. Setting aside a table for the commission would require communication with the organizers of the festival.

B. Plans for MLK Mural Project Community Paint Day and

Unveiling

This project is being discussed outside of our subcommittee.

6. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.