



Human Rights Commission
Communications and Outreach Subcommittee
Virtual Special Meeting
September 14, 2021 6:00 pm
Virtual Meeting| Audrey P. Beck Municipal

Building

4 So. Eagleville Road, Mansfield, CT

Minutes

In accordance with PA 21-2 §147 and social distancing guidelines recommended by the CDC to slow community spread of COVID-19, this meeting will be held virtually. The public may listen to the meeting live by calling 1-929-205-6099 and using the access code 813 2881 4050.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Mitoma called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Fried, Lapuk, Mitoma, Vaughan

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 18, 2021

Minutes were approved by consensus.

It was agreed by consensus to add an agenda item under Old Business – F. Indigenous Peoples' Day

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Updates on Outreach Opportunities

None.

B. Discussion of Important Dates/Holidays for Events

Felicia Famularo shared a calendar of holidays. The Commission decided that important months should be added as well as religious holidays. That document should be sent to members so it can be decided which holidays are better to focus on. Discussed the possibilities of having a vote/calendar of holidays to include at Celebrate Mansfield.

C. Celebrate Mansfield Festival

Margaret Chatey discussed matters involving a table and booth at the festival. She mentioned that she ordered a Map Mitoma selected and that she was buying push pins.

Commission members decided that a banner should be made for use at the festival and in the future. There was a discussion about including a mission statement and printing a poster of the Declaration of Human Rights.

Lapuk will be sending a sign up document to members in the HRC to staff the booth.

D. MLK Mural Project Update

Glenn shared that the campaign and fundraising site has been launched and the community survey is up.

A community paint day is being planned. These might be at the library, community center, UCONN, etc.. A date for the unveiling is in the works.

E. Speaker Series Updates

Jane mentioned there was a meeting with others for the Speaker Series and the plan is in the works that changed.

F. Indigenous Peoples' Day

Margaret Chatey brought up the continued work of the website. Felicia Famularo received a list of books from the library that can be included on the website.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. International Human Rights Day

The commission discussed possible activities for Human Rights Day. IRIS and Quiet Corner were mentioned as organizations to reach out to with a focus on Afghan refugees. Decided that the theme should be Taking Action.

Margaret Chatey suggested that this could be an opportunity to share the survey findings with the community.

6. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by consensus at 6:55 pm.