

MINUTES

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Mitoma called meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mitoma, Nocton, Evans

Excused: Bruder, Lorenz

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 24, 2021

Minutes approved by consensus.

4. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS

Amy Nocton - Bias Survey feedback update - some ambiguity remains; attended a workshop on accurate and inclusive teaching; class attendance of Rally for a Peaceful World

Glenn Mitoma - Commission's recommendations on Afghan refugees approved; work continuing and funding necessary for MLK Mural Project.

Heather Evans - Mansfield Town Council has selected a name for its new Elementary School to be approved by ballot initiative; concerned over the lack of

opportunities for public comment and the name not reflecting the town's diversity and equity priorities.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Resident Communication Response Protocol

Several Committee members suggested revisions; letter sent to Town Manager; additional revisions were suggested and approved by consensus.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation by Student Volunteers - Indigenous People's Day Website

Student volunteers presented list of events, literature, and resources relevant to celebration of Indigenous Peoples' Day and recognition of Indigenous community; several additional resources suggested, with some being added to list; Historical Society will add further suggestions

7. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:17 pm.