



Human Rights Commission
Town Charge Subcommittee
Virtual Meeting

October 26, 2021, 6:30 pm

Zoom | Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
4 So. Eagleville Road, Mansfield, CT

MINUTES

In accordance with PA 21-2 §149 and social distancing guidelines recommended by the CDC to slow community spread of COVID-19, this meeting will be held virtually. A video recording of the meeting will be available on YouTube at "MANSFIELD CONNECTICUT STREAMING CHANNEL" (<https://mansfieldct.gov/video>) within seven (7) days after the meeting.

Public Comment will be accepted by email at FerraraMT@mansfieldct.org or by USPS mail at Town of Mansfield, Attention: Monica Ferrara, 4 South Eagleville Road, Storrs, CT 06268 and must be received prior to the meeting (public comment received after the meeting will be shared at the next meeting).

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Mitoma called meeting to order at 6:32pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mitoma, Lorenz, Nocton, Evans

Excused: Bruder

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 28, 2021

Minutes approved by consensus.

4. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS

Amy Nocton - Deliberation and Discourse Project to hold first Dialogue examining Critical Race Theory/narratives of history; working on NCTE presentation

Heather Evans - Several incidents of racism or racial discrimination have occurred at E. O. Smith; new reporting method for such incidents

Virginia Lorenz - Practice continuing in Empathy Circles; seeking to make them more direct and reduce "lather"

Glenn Mitoma - Design being completed and installment planned for MLK Mural Project, town working on publicity for unveiling; attended Joe Biden presidential visit discussing human rights

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Survey Results

Quick meeting was held discussing refining of final survey results; report will include highlights of strengths, areas of concern, key conclusions/ recommendations, and suggested methodology improvements

B. Refugee Resettlement

Resolution has been sent and was accepted with some revisions.

Recommendation to include this in broader effort to increase Mansfield's inclusivity was issued. Mr. Mitoma suggested involvement of full Commission in discussions of refugee resettlement proposal due to lack of informed input.

6. NEW BUSINESS

None.

7. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 7:11pm.