

Easton Diversity and Inclusion Task Force (EDIT)

Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 25, 2020 at 7:30pm

Remote meeting via Zoom

Attendance

Present: Adam Parker, Whendi Cook Broderick, Darrell Harris, , Shari Williams, Chris Peritore, Hilary Desmond

Absent: Elaine O'Keefe

1.Call To Order

Adam Parker called meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

1A. Special Announcement/Appointment

Adam announced that as of February 24th, 2021 Lise Fluette had submitted her resignation from EDIT, and as such, her post as Chairwoman. As the second ranking member of EDIT, Adam appointed himself as interim Chairman of the commission. Adam explained that his role as an interim chairman is to act as a parliamentary figure to the group while they navigate through the process of identifying a replacement chairperson.

2. New Member Introduction

Hilary Desmond introduced as newest full member of EDIT. Hilary gave a brief background about herself including where she recently moved from, and her interests in being a member of EDIT.

3. Guest Speakers

Ed Chiarmonte, 17 Virginia Drive, Easton, CT. Ed shared some detail about an idea he had which he shared with First Selectman Bindleglass, which he in turn presented to EDIT. The idea was regarding the use of an unused parcel of land in Easton that can be donated, and used to build a home in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity and in turn inhabited by a family that would otherwise be unable to purchase a home in Easton.

4. Library Program Updates

- Gave update on One Book/One Town panel taking place via Zoom on 2/27/2021
- Gave update on Voices of Diversity Lawn Sign Exhibit

5. Other updates

Recruitment – Agreed to Special Meeting to take place Thursday 3/11 to discuss Chairman appointment, and any other alternate appointments needed.

Speaker Series – ongoing additions being discussed at each meeting

Subcommittees – Updates by the following:

- Darrell Harris – Demographics & Data
- Shari Williams – Revision/Broadening of EDIT Charge
- Adam Parker – Youth sports accessibility/resources in neighboring disadvantaged communities

Motions

Shari made motion for EDIT to communicate guidance to Ed Chiarmonite in response to his presentation, requesting a more detailed information gathering from Habitat for Humanity. Information can then be presented at March regular meeting. Second by Whendi, vote 6-0 in favor of.

Public Comment

No public comment.

6. Adjourn

Adam made motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by , 6-0 in favor of adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Submitted by,

Adam Parker, Secretary