

Easton Diversity and Inclusion Task Force (EDIT)

Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 7:30pm

Remote meeting via Zoom

Attendance

Present: Whendi Cook-Broderick (D), Darrell Harris (R), Elaine Okeefe (D), Hilary Desmond (U), Kevin Oliver (R), Adam Parker (D)

Absent: Chris Peritore (R)

1.Call To Order

Whendi called meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

2. Approval of minutes

A. Approved minutes from May 27 Regular Meeting

3. Entering Of Written Public Comment Into Record

A. No public comment submitted

4. Board Member Comment

Adam comment that although he was absent at the last meeting, he was pleased to see that the Juneteenth event was pulled together and successful. Thanked fellow board members for their hard work and planning. Also formally welcomed Kevin as he did not get to at last meeting.

Elaine commented that the Juneteenth event was a success, and posed the question of now that Juneteenth is a National Holiday, does that alter how we planned this event in the future?

Kevin also commented about his experience at Juneteenth, how positive it was, and how we can use this year's event to make next year's even better.

Whendi commented that our participation in Juneteenth was a good example of our mission within the community, and that the mission can and should be carried out bi-partisanly.

Hilary commented that while we didn't plant specifically expect to plan the whole Juneteenth event from the start, the process came together smoothly. She was also able to mobilize a group quickly to plan the upcoming Pride events in Easton.

5. Juneteenth Event Debrief

Overall sentiment from the group was that the event was a success. The group did not expect at first to be the event planner per se, but rather the sponsor of the event, or a key participant. Best practices about how to plan the event in the future were shared. It was also noted that

Juneteenth falls on Father's Day Sunday next year, and we should be cognizant of what other towns are doing and act accordingly. Could be opportunity for collaboration with other towns and groups, or to attract people from our neighboring towns.

6. Discussion and possible action:

A. Transition from written public comment to verbal public comment

- A group discussion quickly revealed unanimous support for the transition from written public comment, to live in-meeting public comment. Each member expressed their feelings about giving community members a voice, or "seat at the table". It was also pointed out that allowing verbal public comment is supporting diversity of thought on multiple topics. The discussion ended with how the procedural mechanics of public comment would work during regular meetings.

7. Sub-committee updates:

- Darrell – No update on data
- EDIT Charge – No update, will be the focal point of August regular meeting
- Adam – Will be introducing Dr. Dennis Floyd Jones - Director of Sport Management Studies, West Virginia University as guest speaker for an open discussion on topics such as Title IX, abd equity and accessibility to youth and collegiate sports.

8. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Motions

Elaine made motion to approve minutes from May 27 Regular Meeting. Hilary seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

Darrell made motion to transition to live/verbal public comment, beginning at next Regular Meeting. Hilary seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

Adam made motion to adjourn meeting, Kevin seconded, and motion passed unanmoulsy.

Submitted by,

Adam Parker, Secretary