

Minutes

Easton Diversity & Inclusion Task Force (EDIT)

Regular Meeting

Thursday December 7, 2023 at 7:30pm

in the Easton Library Community Room and virtually via Zoom

1. Call to Order 7:32pm
2. Roll Call
 - a. Present
Darrell Harris, Emjek Cordover, Elizabeth Katz (departed 8:31pm), Paco Acosta, Whendi Cook Broderick
 - b. Apologies
Hilary Desmond, John Halleran
3. Approval of Minutes for November 2, 2023
Moved: that the minutes be approved. Moved by Darrell, seconded Elizabeth.
Passed unanimously
4. Public Comment
 - a. None
5. Board Member Comment
 - a. John has communicated a need to step back from EDIT for a while for personal reasons, will revisit in January.
Moved: that Elizabeth be elevated to full member for this meeting. Moved by Whendi, seconded Darrell, Passed unanimously.
 - b. Whendi forwarded letter from selectmen about participation in boards and commissions in town, dated November 30, 2023. Darrel provided some background, and the letter was discussed. EDIT will respond by emphasizing the importance of civility, and freedom from fear engaging in public service or politics.
Moved: that EDIT sponsor a civility event. Moved Whendi, seconded Elizabeth. Passed unanimously.

- c. Emjek noted meetings booked for 2024.
- 6. Subcommittee Reports
 - a. Programs
 - a. Darrell reached out to Sal with Taste of Easton, was unable to find a time to talk, and will try for next week.
 - a. Paco: Senior Center approved Taste of Easton; need a date, and put in an application in January. We will need to resolve any outstanding questions, including at least:
 - a. Will anyone from the Senior Center in attendance?
 - b. Are there any insurance requirements?
 - c. Are there any custodial services requirements?
 - b. Will need to apply even with a provisional date in January. Target the end of March – maybe 3/24? Need to avoid holidays etc.
 - a. **Action:** Paco will discuss with Kennedy Center whether there are ways they can participate.
 - b. Whendi – we would welcome any Black History Month opportunities.
 - c. Civility Month is August – maybe we should do something earlier though. Maybe something at the Firefighters Carnival or another event.
 - b. Communications
 - a. No discussion.
- 7. Discussion and Possible Action on:
 - a. Taste of Easton and Redding event
 - b. Black History Month
 - c. Neurodiversity Week

All discussed above in item 6.
- 8. Other Business
 - a. There is a pride Christmas event on Saturday.
- 9. Adjourn

Moved that the meeting be adjourned. Moved by Paco, seconded Whendi. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned 8:37pm.