

EDIT Meeting

October 22, 2020

Attendance

Lise Fleurette, Adam Parker, Vivian Hardison, Shari Williams, Whendi Cook Broderick, June June Chiaia-Logie, David Bindelglass

Call To Order

David Bindelglass called meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Announcement of inaugural EDIT meeting. David appointed Lise Fleurette as Interim Chairperson of the commission as a procedural matter. Lise took over as moderator of the meeting.

Approval Of Minutes

No minutes to approve as it was first formal meeting.

Commission Discussion

Lise began discussion by asking each EDIT Commission member to introduce themselves, and give a brief summary of what brings them to the Commission. All members participated.

Lise commented that it might be a good idea for now to leave the scope of EDIT focused on race issues. Vivian disagreed and voiced her opinion that despite what the commissions charge was, that the focus be more broad and inclusive of other identity groups. Adam also expressed interest in considering all forms of inequality including race, gender, sexual orientation, and any other identity which may wish to "have a seat at the table" with EDIT. June also agreed that a wider scope may be in the best interest of the commission. Point to be continually discussed.

Motions

Lise made motion to nominate Adam Parker to serve as EDIT Secretary. Seconded by Shari Williams. Vote 5-0 in favor of Adam.

Lise made motion to nominate herself as EDIT Chairperson. Seconded by Adam Parker.

Vivian made motion to nominate herself as EDIT Chairperson. Seconded by Shari Williams.

Lise made motion to conduct a vote for EDIT Chairperson. Seconded by Whendi Cook Broderick. Vote held 3-2 in favor of Lise Fleurette.

Lise made motion to adjourn, seconded by Shari Williams.

Public Comment

Joe Calzone – Tranquility Drive: Commented that he respected the formation of EDIT and that it could certainly could serve a benefit to the community. Went on to tell a brief story about growing up in the area, in a working class family, starting a small business in Bridgeport, and building his own success allowing him to buy a home in Easton. He also noted that he does not feel that he should have any feelings of guilt or privilege for having built his own success, or being able to live in a community that not every working class person could be able to.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Adam Parker - Secretary