

Bethel Equity and Inclusion Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: June 9, 2021

Committee Members Present: David Phair, Owen DMC, Jesse Plotsky, Rita Champion

Community Members Present: Lindley Brainard, Leonard Meek, Jerry Thomas

introductions were made, something we were looking forward to about June

Public Comment:

no public comment was made

Updates:

David updated group on Juneteenth celebration plans. Wants the day to be chill, unstructured, picnic hang out feel. Kirk may come and speak sometime between 1-2, Tabitha might come and speak after another engagement in Burlington. seven artists are booked to perform around 20 minutes each. There will be a dj to fill in the spaces between with music. Jennas street car will be there selling food. A woman from Randolph will be selling kids art as a fundraiser. There will be a couple of farmers market booths set up.

update on definitions, a request came from Therese about how can we create the definitions into behavioral situations. Examples of how these definitions play out. The colorblindness essay was helpful in getting conversations going and possibly we continue to share essays and literature to the select board moving forward.

Discussion:

discussion about scheduling. possibly meeting in person, town hall is open, possibly switching times to accommodate shifting work schedules. Owen will send out calendar poll to committee.

There was a discussion about banners for the Juneteenth celebration. possibly on the fish wall but would have to get state approval and get a permit asap. we decided against that, but possibly doing a banner at the bandshell. Happy Juneteenth signs.

opened discussion around needs of equity and inclusion, talking again about how to get involved with historical society. and photos for the historical society town hall.

discussion about accessibility of meetings, how to continue to offer meetings via zoom. More people could attend with zoom access. Monique priestly-- tech savvy hybrid town meetings zoom.

next meeting:

action items based on how to meet with other committees

calendar for E& I members to attend the selectboard meetings. Historical society meetings taking advantage of public comment time.

talk about doing a pride event in July, possibly a screening at the drivein

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Owen and Lenny are in attendance for the next selectboard meeting.

meeting adjourned 7:38

Motions, Proposals, and Resolutions Made:

motion to approve last meetings notes were made. minutes were approved

Voting Record:

(Note: need to indicate individual votes if a roll call is taken)

Next Meeting Date:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/5820627640?pwd=TVNiSURhVm5ScTgweWl6OHdRbzZ4QT09>

Meeting ID: 582 062 7640

Passcode: equity

Dial In: 1-646-558-8656

Notes Taken By: Rita Champion

Meeting facilitated by: Owen DMC

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