

Diversity Council
Meeting Agenda
April 27, 2021 at 6:30 PM
Virtual Meeting-
Via Zoom

Attendees: Jeff Israel; Sandra Bogdanski; Leah Burnett; Jeffrey Israel; Alicia Washington; Marcus Patton; Alice Ferguson, Scott Rosado; Erica Pearson

Public Attendees: Anna Bedell; Katherine Morris; James B (Fire Dept.)

Absent: Mohammad Aziz; Daniel Mina,

1. Call to Order
 - Meeting was called to order by Jeff Israel at 6:40pm
2. Introductions
 - Anna Bedell:
 - Katherine Morris:
3. Review and approve minutes from March 2021
 - Sandra Bogdanski motioned to approve the minutes, Alice Ferguson second the motion, motion passed.
4. Public Participation
 - Anna Bedell- Writes for the Bristol Edition
5. New Business

Sub Committees - Alicia, Scott

Marketing & Communications – Spoke to Dawn about various social media platforms. Spoke to the Mayor about the different list that are available to send out any communications about the Council. Next meeting will start going over the content the committee wants to give out.

Programs & Outreach & Fundraising – Task force would like to have a strategy session on what they should do as far as events and see if they can partner with other groups. An idea they had was doing a cultural festival.

b. Guest Speaker Katharine Morris - Health Equity Solution

Topic: “Racism is a Public Health Crisis Resolution”

- Katherine spoke about the action that can be taken in the community. She went over resolution vs. proclamation. She explained the process and steps that may be taken. She went over the potential makeup of a task force and what would work best for Bristol, she explained the council will need to look into the demographic of the city.
- Bills at the State Level- Senate Bill 1 & House Bill-662
- Advocating for a clear legal definition of Racism

- Mayor Ellen- Community ID Cards, some people are missing out on some services like the stimulus fund. Mayor got in contact with banks about how they can make it easier for people to open a bank account. Donna (United way) and Mayor looked into community card like what New Haven has. This Card will allow them to have banking services but also have access to city services. Some of the people being impacted are immigrants and low income.

6. Adjournment

Sandra motioned to adjourn at 7:55pm Alice second.

Respectfully submitted,

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Patricia Ochoa

Secretary