

CDICR Minutes – Harvey Room – December 8, 2021
(Commission for Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Relations)

Attendees: Andrea Baez (chair); Walter Connelly (secr); Leilani (Larson) Bernal; John Bentley; Suzaane Martucci-Gallo; Anthony Williams; John Morgan; Anita Preble; Meredith Hurley [Bybiose (Bee) Larochelle and Todd Sacco public participants]

1. Roll Call 6:05 PM

2. Update DPH Grant – Meredith Hurley (Winthrop Dept of Public Health)

- 12/07/21 Town Council approved Work Plan (Equitable Approaches to Public Safety)
- The grant will provide for 80 hrs of clinicians overseen by Boston Medical Center and evaluated by a team from Boston University.

3. *And Still We Rise*

- Very poor participation / poor marketing / genuine resistance
- Commission dropped ball in assisting to craft program appropriate to Winthrop

4. WPS update – Anita Preble

- DEI Committees looking to engage families
- Commission again requested to view Website before re-launch

5. February is Black History Month

- Any grant money available for educational programming?

6. Can meeting be expanded thru ZOOM?

7. Minutes from October: moved by John Morgan, seconded by Johnny Bentley; passed.

8. Green & Cooper Memorial

- John Morgan reported that Town Council was informed of private venture to create a Tree Memorial with plaque honoring Ramona Cooper and David Green at Shirley & Cross Streets. Target of \$20,000 with Go Fund Me; organized by Bob Carroll.

9. Invite new TC president to share his hopes for the Commission

10. 7:00 PM Adjourned

Note: January Meeting cancelled due to conflict with swearing of new Town Council and some COVID cases amongst Commissioners.

Submitted by Sec Walter Connelly