

CDICR Minutes – Harvey Room – February 9, 2022
(Commission for Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Relations)

Attendees: Andrea Baez (chair); Walter Connelly (sec); Suzaane Martucci-Gallo; Anthony Williams; John Morgan; Anita Preble (WPS Liason); Meredith Hurley (Public Health).

Public participants: Lee Foley, Julia Wallerice.

1. Roll Call 6:05 PM

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

- 01/29/22 Contract signed. Town has until June 30 to spend allocated funds of \$449,000.
- Surveys and focus groups targeted on marginalized groups not documented by usual means. Examining access to services such as mental health, food, housing. Target date of April 15 for completion.
- John Morgan asked how gathered info would be communicated. Through Town Hall & Senior Center.
- Police, Fire and EMS to receive Fair & Impartial Training (to recognize bias).
- De-escalation training through Boston agency.

3. Transcript article on Winthrop Public Schools and NYU Culturally Responsive Learning audit

- Clarification: this was a self-audit, not mandated or required, involving teachers from every level.
- Does not include personal contribution of teachers, only official curriculum.
- Warrants wider discussion and more context than article allowed.

4. Public Comment

- Zoom enabled meetings would facilitate wider participation.
- WPD Facebook account shared meme with inappropriate hashtags (#'s). Taken down promptly, but still poor judgement.
- Pickup truck with Trump flag. While flying any large flag from a vehicle is a safety violation, the flag itself does not constitute hate speech and is protected under 1st amendment.

5. Minutes from D3ecember: moved by Suzanne, seconded by Anthony; passed.

6. Green & Cooper Tree Memorial

- Organized by Bob and Amy Campbell thru “Go Fund Me”.

7. 7:00 PM Adjourned

Note: Commission intends to meet on 2nd Wednesday of the month.
Submitted by Sec Walter Connelly