



CDICR Minutes – Town Hall, Room 2, First Floor. Sept 14, 2022 6:00 PM
(Commission for Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Relations)

Attendees: Andrea Baez, (chair); Walter Connelly (sec); Suzanne Martucci-Gallo; John Morgan; John Bentley. Also in attendance: Town Manager Tony Marino, Police Chief Terry Delahanty, John Munson, Lee Foley, Daniella Foley, Todd Sacco

1. Roll Call 6:00 PM

2. Minutes from May and June meetings

- Approved

3. Tree on Somerset.

- Commissioner John Morgan reported on his inspection of the tree on Somerset as a disabled person. Very dangerous physical situation for a blind person.
- Possibility of a neighborhood meeting for input.
- Town Manager Marino outlined situation and possible options.
- The Commission's concern is that the present position of the Town Council to save the tree by creating a bump out or two crosswalks is an ableist position.
- Commission will voice its concern at upcoming Town Council meeting.

4. Traffic Stop follow-up. Meredith Hurley

- Meredith Hurley reported to Commissioner Baez that the BU group will examine the traffic stop concerns and info.

5. Facebook

“Comments” will have to be approved.

- Primarily for event sharing (in which case comments are not necessary).
- Postings will be run by other members of the Commission.
- Motion to also establish an Instagram account – passed.
- Motion to post on social media with consensus of members – passed.

6. Civil Rights Officer

- Detective Carter reviews the daily reports for possible concerns.

7. Public Comment:

- Official email for Commission has been fixed.

- Past Minutes on website. (may have been attached to agenda in the past)
- Commission encouraged to voice its concern re Somerset tree at Council Town Meeting.
- Community Needs Health Assessment should be made available in several languages when completed.
- Additional Commission members still needed.

8. Meeting ended: 7:00 PM (next meeting Oct. 12).

Submitted by Walter Connelly, Secretary of CDICR