

STOUGHTON EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMITTEE

Minutes

April 12, 2023

12:00 p.m. via Google Meeting

In accordance with Governor Baker's declaration of June 16th, 2021 extending Covid-19 measures adopted during the State of Emergency and recently extended until March 31, 2025, this meeting was conducted as virtual via Google Meets for those who wished to participate remotely.

Present: Debra Roberts, Chair; Bettye Sabree, Vice Chair, Faye Howard and Tamisha Civil.

Absent: Steve Cavey, Maggie Giusti and Chris Shannon.

Call Meeting to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. and welcomed a motion to open the meeting. Faye Howard made the motion, seconded by Bettye Sabree. Debra Roberts took roll call and invited all who were able to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

DEI Draft Trial Run Training

Faye Howard commented that the DEI Draft Trial Run Training is scheduled for April 19, 2023 and is on target. A meeting has been scheduled with Atty. Jack Dolan to go through the details. Faye Howard added that she came up with a few options for pulse surveys directly related to the DEI Draft Trial Run Training that could possibly be sent out in advance for feedback.

Stoughton Meeting and Addressing Community needs, Stoughton is a Welcoming Community and Update on June Event Agenda

Chair Roberts commented that a flyer was distributed as a "save the date". Steve Cavey and Maggie Giusti have volunteered to be the liaison. The Stoughton Diversity and Inclusion Organization (SDIO), the Bank Consortium Group and the YMCA have been invited to participate in the planning. A second planning session will be held tomorrow night, April, 13, 2023. So far a two-day event is being looked into. The first day will be a jam fest on Saturday, June 17th, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Halloran Park. We are asking for volunteers, such as a group or a singer. Steve Cavey and Bill Rowe, Town Accountant, have agreed to perform. The second group to perform is Steve Tapper, a small jazz group. We are waiting on confirmation from a group named Taj Mahal. Anyone with ideas is welcome to present them. The second day will be on June 19th holiday at the Hampton Inn Suites in Stoughton, in the lobby area and conference room, tentatively from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The names Michael Curry, Keith Motley and Joseph Feaster were mentioned as possible speakers. Faye Howard and Tamisha Civil volunteered to help at the event. Chair Roberts mentioned that fundraising continues. A Bank has donated \$5,000.00. The more money raised, the better the jam fest. Faye Howard suggested the health care area. Tamisha Civil questioned if vendors will be paying a fee for their table. Chair Roberts responded that it has not yet been decided. There is a list of interested participating vendors. She sees no problem of having vendors participate on both days. Possible food trucks are also being looked into. Chair Roberts commented that this, being the Town's first Juneteenth event, should be inspiring, well-planned and a thought out event. Programming and developing a budget are being worked on. Bettye Sabree commented that someone to speak about the history behind Juneteenth and a political legislator would be nice. Juneteenth advertising options were

discussed. Chair Roberts asked for ideas to title the event and suggested "Welcome to Stoughton's Juneteenth Celebration" or "Stoughton Juneteenth Celebration". Bettye Sabree added "Juneteenth – Path to Freedom" and Tamisha Civil added "Embracing Diversity in Stoughton".

Update on the Billboard Policy

Chair Debra Roberts commented that the billboard policy has been approved by the Select Board on March 21, 2023. The Committee can now utilize the billboard for the Juneteenth event. Applications go through Gilda Pereira, the Select Board Assistant and Pam McCarthy, the Economic Development Director.

Set Date for Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2023.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Faye Howard, seconded by Bettye Sabree. Meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Approved on:

06 / 14 / 2023

Signed by:



Debra C. Roberts, Chair