First Selectman’s Diversity Advisory Committee
Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.
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AGENDA

Call to Order:
Jennifer Flatow, Chair
Bobby Walker, Jr. Vice Chair

1. Approval of Minutes from November 2020 Committee Members

2. Compassion Campaign/World Kindness Update Bobby Walker Jr. & Jen Flatow

   • Facebook post (shares/likes) Hale McSharry
   • Community Connections post Jen Flatow
   • How to sign up:
     o https://mailchi.mp/greenwichct/signup

World Kindness Day in Greenwich

The First Selectman’s Diversity Advisory Committee launched its Compassion Campaign today, November 13, World Kindness Day 2020, and will carry it throughout the holiday season

The Committee is focused on encouraging civil discourse, curiosity, inclusion, diversity, humanity, and kindness. I encourage the Greenwich community to join the committee and I. World Kindness Day is a global effort that promotes the value of kindness to oneself, to others, and to the world. It reminds us that compassion for others connects us.

Please consider ways to make kindness a value in your life. You can celebrate this day in the following ways and join us in our campaign for the many days that follow. Please share your acts of kindness on social media platforms using the hashtags: #kindnessmatters #greenwichkindness.
3. Membership Updates

Proposed Mission Statement

Jen Flatow

David Rabin

The Greenwich First Selectman’s Diversity Advisory Committee exists to advise the First Selectman on equity and inclusion strategies that strengthen connections within the diverse community that we share.

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Other items to consider and possibly add to website copy:

The committee is composed of 20 regular members who are appointed for (1) three-year term and up to 3 alternate members.

- Do we want to add alternates? How would that work within the group?
- Do we want to add term limits?

Proposed Website Copy:

The Town of Greenwich seeks to celebrate diversity and the value of our diverse community through meaningful, visible strategies rooted in education, understanding and respect. The Town finds that there is a need for a Diversity Committee to highlight the beauty and benefits of appreciating different backgrounds, interests, sexual orientations, and religious beliefs. The Committee will work to effectively create community awareness about differences in others as related to race, religion, cultural differences, sexual preferences and gender identity. The Committee will work to develop and implement programs designed to create a spirit of diversity and inclusion for all that live and work in the Town as part of “one” unified community. The Committee will work to promote the diversity goals of the Town – to understand and respond to the needs of an increasingly diverse community – and encourage respect and tolerance for those individual differences that enrich our community.

The committee values all people, encourages respect and has an appreciation for diversity, equity, justice and social wellbeing. As a unified group we recognize our differences and embrace our common humanity as a source of strength that binds us together as we work to share our experience and knowledge with the citizens of Greenwich.

4. Committee Member Updates

5. Next Meeting: January 12, 2021

6. Holiday Wishes & Adjournment

Committee Members

Bobby Walker Jr. & Jen Flatow