

First Selectman's Diversity Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 12:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://greenwichct.zoom.us/j/84470529609?pwd=VitLdGt5bkZEdFVIMFZXV2p0eWttZz09>

In Attendance:

Danielle Jean-Guillaume Sittol, Darian Jones, Mary Lee Kiernan, Demetria Nelson, Bobby Walker, Jr.

Call to Order

Bobby Walker, Jr. 12:05pm

1. Approval of Minutes from April 2022

- Minutes will be approved at the next meeting

2. Socioeconomic Panel – final details

- Group discussed the event date, May 25, and the multiple community events in May
 - Concern that there would be low attendance due to competing events
 - Concern that many in the community might prefer a virtual program
 - Discussed moving the event to September
 - Program organizers will consider postponing the event

3. Alma Rutgers Diversity Contest

- The in-person contest award ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17
- Certificates and prizes to be awarded by the First Selectman and the Committee
- YWCA Greenwich has built a website showcasing student submissions
 - Thirty-five art, writing, and multimedia submissions
- Challenges uploading large files/submissions via Google
 - Several judges will provide support in the summer to streamline this process
- There are plans to move the contest deadline to late Winter/early Spring to avoid competing school activities and events
- The Fellowship of Clergy made a significant contribution to the contest, funding several awards
 - The Committee must raise funds for contest every year

4. Announcements/Updates from Committee members

Youth Services Bureau/Youth Commission

- This summer, Erin O. Crosby will guide high school students
 - Will build capacity related to diversity, equity, inclusion initiatives
 - Will develop core of students who will help develop the diversity leadership conference
 - Goal: create a diversity conference that reflects all youth voices in the community

Department of Human Services

- Greenwich Suicide Postvention Response Team, Mental Health Awareness Month Proclamation Ceremony today, May 10th outside Town Hall
- The Greenwich Suicide Postvention Response Team, a body represented by partners from various sectors within the community came together with the support of the First Selectman and The Hub
 - The Response Team developed a process for helping and supporting the community if there is a death by suicide
 - Includes subcommittees which provide guidance on specific issues including spiritual care, safe messaging by the media, and supporting first responders
- Information can be found Googling “Greenwich Postvention”
 - Can access a resource card and a comprehensive booklet that includes resources

5. Next Meeting June 14, 2022

6. Adjournment: 12:32PM