

CITY OF HUNTINGTON WOODS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ANTI-RACISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Wednesday, April 13, 2022
7:00 p.m.
Huntington Woods City Hall

Beaulieu called the Meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

PRESENT: Katie Beaulieu, Daniel Dena, Kia Essien, in person;

ABSENT: Maria LaLonde,

City Staff Present: City Manager Chris Wilson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Essien and seconded by Dena to approve the April 13th agenda as proposed.

Ayes: Dena, and Beaulieu, Essien

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETINGS MINUTES

Moved by Dena and seconded by Beaulieu to approve the March 9th minutes.

Ayes: Dena, Essien, and Beaulieu

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Motion Carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Deb Hemmye, Huntington Woods Library Director
Kinsasha Moon-Smith, Berkley AA Parent Network
Molly Keller, advisor for the Burton Diversity Club
Charlie Cavill, Commissioner

ITEMS OF REVIEW

- a. Clarifying Terms
 - i. Takeaways from Katie's Social Justice and Equity Workshop

- b. Juneteenth Brainstorm
 - i. Wilson has reached out to Javon Jordan, but no response yet
 - ii. We are still looking for vendors
 - iii. We've been approved a historical marker for the Rackham golf course that would be appropriate to present at the celebration
 - iv. Other Juneteenth celebrations have had a mix of food, lots of music and dancing
 - v. Critical to focus on history of Juneteenth
 - vi. Always overlooked? Black inventors
 - vii. Could have arts and crafts projects focusing on black inventors
 - viii. Sidewalk chalk as an activity for children
 - ix. Can reach out to Detroit Chamber of commerce for black-owned vendors
 - x. Wayne State works with DJs
 - xi. Investigate if Star Treks is an option
 - xii. Make effort to support black owned communities
 - xiii. In addition to black-owned vendors, supporting other black owned businesses
 - xiv. Have children's librarian compose list of book with black characters/anti-racist themes
 - xv. Could have someone read poetry
 - xvi. Could have a reading of the Emancipation Proclamation
 - xvii. Reach out to Shay North about her son's choir group

- xviii. Have performance of Lift Every Voice and Sing
- xix. National Business League may have list of vendors
- xx. Speaker should speak specifically about history of Juneteenth
- c. Collaborations with the HW Library
 - i. Diversity audit of entire collection
 - 1. Curating collection to the community, see how it represents community
 - ii. Read Woke is less formal curriculum
 - iii. Have librarian read from black authors
 - iv. Push for a reader's advisory service - one that includes writers of color
 - v. Social justice book discussion group
 - 1. Problem is that it ends up patting self on back, self-congratulatory
 - vi. Group reading about marginalized authors
 - vii. Library considering idea of human library
 - viii. Library will continue working on implicit bias
 - ix. Working to make website inclusive to all backgrounds
 - x. Some consideration for a sticker on books identifying them as black-themed
 - xi. There should be some resource for black families to find black-centric books
 - xii. Stephen Mack Jones, Author of August Snow series as speaker

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Essien, and seconded by Dena.

Ayes: Dena, Beaulieu, and Essien

Nays: None

Absent:

The Motion Carried, meeting adjourned at 8:25PM.

Daniel Dena, Secretary

Kate Beaulieu, Chairperson

