

City of Huntington Woods
Anti-Racism Advisory Committee

January 11, 2022

7:00 p.m.

In-Person Meeting – City Hall

MINUTES

Present: Daniel Dena, Christina Kozlowski, Kate Beaulieu, Jessica Lyn Edwards, Cary McGhee

Absent: Kia Essien, Brandon Mar

Virtual (via Zoom): none

City staff present: Chris Wilson

Liaison: Commissioner Jeff Jenks

1. Call to order
 - a. Kate Beaulieu called meeting to order at 7:05pm
2. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Moved by Christina Kozlowski, seconded by Daniel Dena to approve January 2023 agenda

Ayes: Christina, Katie, Daniel, Cary, Jessica Lyn

Nays: none

Absent: Kia

The motion carried.

3. Review/Approval of the December 14, 2022 Minutes
 - a. Moved by Cary McGhee, seconded by Daniel Dena to approve December 2022 minutes

Ayes: Christina, Katie, Daniel, Cary, Jessica Lyn

Nays: none

Absent: Kia

The motion carried

4. Public Participation
 - Steve Gold - Is member of HW Peace group and on steering committee. Expressed concern re: the DEI Report and the City's lack of action re: the same. Also concerned with real estate issues, including but not limited to zoning. Happy to

assist the committee in any way. Willing to share his research/report efforts with Committee.

- Claire Galed – has asked for the DEI report and has not received a copy. Concerned re: disbursement of the report. Chris said he will send a copy to her. Believes the report should be better publicized if they expect residents to comment.
- Commissioner Jenks – looks at the report as the beginning step. The first step to be evaluated at the Commission level at least once a year and then expanded upon by the ARAC. Believes the Committee needs to work to get involved in programming and holiday recognitions/commemorations. Also believes a listening session is logical and very important. Chairperson Kate Beaulieu shared that the Committee does plan on working on this and we've already begun preliminary discussions re: the same.
- Chris Wilson – Commission will get a presentation by the person who completed the report next Tuesday at the Commission meeting.

5. Items of business

a. Conversation with Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors (GMAR)

- Toni Jennings
- Jayce Sanders
- GMAR can help get data, resources, educate
- Questions asked of the GMAR reps
 - Expressed concern re: pocket listings and community not being very welcoming due to bias and microaggressions.
 - Also expressed concern re: lack of marketing of community.
 - GMAR does have some marketing resources available – the education begins with the realtors
 - Perhaps we could work with GMAR to educate both the community (sellers) and the realtors
 - Recommends video re: Long Island real estate debacle – An Island Divided – will send to Committee
 - Perhaps set up forum or some type of educational session with GMAR open to the community
 - Lack of Senior Housing is a concern too
 - Marketing session to inform realtors about Huntington Woods – but also include a diversity effort. This would likely have to be a collaborative effort among City areas.

b. DEI Report for City Commission Meeting on Tuesday, 1/17 at 7:30pm

6. Other business

a. GARE Involvement

- Chris Wilson gave update re: potential GARE involvement

- Katie Beaulieu will follow-up with Maria about GARE and also intends on attending informational session that is coming up
- b. Royal Oak/ Berkley Join MLK Day Event
- Partnership between RO Schools and Berkley Schools
 - Chris Wilson will have Francesco include in Friday's E-blast
 - ARAC donation – Jessica Lyn will work to put together a donation from the Committee
 - Jessica Lyn is going to try to go to the Parks and Rec meeting January 31st to at least discuss the lottery for programming, possibly additional collaboration with ARAC diversity calendar
 - Also should look at having a student member who is a Berkley student
- c. Chris Wilson said they are in the process of interviewing for committee spots, indicated they will include in E-blast of committee position opened by Maria LaLonde leaving
- Want to include something in the E-blasts in February for Black History month
 - Friends of Royal Oak Township – possibly discuss who they are and what they do as a highlight/topic for this community
- d. Commissioner Jenks mentioned Multi-Cultural celebration that the City did in the past – might be a good idea to resurrect this to get more community involvement
7. Adjournment
- a. Moved by Christina Kozlowski, seconded by Cary McGhee to approve December 2022 minutes

Ayes: Jessica Lyn, Cary, Christina and Katie

Nays: none

Absent: Kia and Daniel

The motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Christina Kozlowski, Secretary

Kate Beaulieu, Chairperson