

Attendees: Eunice Aadjai, Judy Foster, Rachel Wexelbaum, Jonathan Wong

Welcome and introductions

Eunice trying to wind down and be present—everything busy but good

Rachel talked about Ping and Ping's mum

Judy talked about grandkids getting snow again in Rochester—one grandkid got driver's license and is learning how to drive in the snow (16)—sister won her first track met (13)—4 year old helping dad remodel the kitchen—18 months

Jonathan got into a car accident driving in the snow—car got totaled—hit a semi-truck--no one was hurt—looking for a new car now

Approval of March minutes

Guests of Eunice

Remove meeting about Heidi note

Need to approve the February minutes too

—replace Judy “got ticked off” with “concerned”

---minutes: record of decisions

Approve amended February and March minutes:

Rachel will send missing SCARHRC minutes to Emmanuel

Human Rights office proposal about forum

Human Rights Office—can they partner with us on the forum? What can they do?

Jonathan said: We can have someone from department to be a facilitator as a neutral party, second option is to have civic engagement team present a 15-30 minute presentation on how agencies and government agencies implement civic engagement plans.

Rachel shared what happened w St Joseph Mayor and City Council editor—no response

- Will reach out to St Joe again to invite with deadline by April 27th
- Rachel will also reach out to St Cloud folx again with deadline for April 27th
- Then will send an email blast

Judy shared what happened w Jeff Johnson and Carol Lewis—they were interested in participating; Eunice said would contact City Administrator and the Mayor to participate in the forum

Actual authors of the Welcoming Resolutions should be invited to speak at the forum

Jeff Goerger was author of the St Cloud resolution

Invitations should go out to all five city council/mayors (Sartell, Sauk Rapids, Waite Park, St Joseph, St Cloud)

This is how we did it—
How did St Joseph do it?
How did St Cloud do it?

Waite Park Police Chief –B—getting involved with Community Policing Agreement

Invite people to talk about the region: how is it welcoming, how is it not welcoming?

Jeff Goerger questions:

- Present on the reasoning behind the resolution, background, inviting other cities to follow suit
- What has City Council done since then to review their city ordinances, policies, procedures, and practices to develop a welcoming community?
- Who is responsible for the follow-up on the welcoming resolution?

Q+A with audience

How do you find the area to be a welcoming community or not?

Eunice—Welcome and introductions

Nick Kor: Take a minute to introduce who he is and explain what he does, facilitate—how does he want to engage the community

Rachel will send out via social media, RRRIP, Expect Resistance

La Asamblea de Los Derechos Civiles, Somali group, Unite Cloud

Carol wants more people to speak on the welcoming side

This event has the potential to promote City Council attendance and participation

Rachel will make a flyer with city council meeting times—
City Council meetings are broadcast

Nick Kor, formerly of OutFront: new Bush fellow, City Engagement Director

Carol Lewis reminded Judy Foster that the City Council meeting is a business meeting, and are there to conduct business—have an agenda to get through and make decisions

Forum planning

- **Review Flyer—waiting for content**
- **Venue confirmed**
- **Time: 6 pm – 7:30 pm**
- **Topic: Welcoming resolution**
- **Marketing and Outreach**

Report from Human Rights Office

- More walk-in visits/consultations
- More people with mental illness walking in
- Department facing challenges—House wants to cut 31% of MDHR budget
- First cut will only affect St Paul office, FY2020-2021 will impact all human rights offices
- Human Rights Commission offered to phone bank and petition for support
- Knobloch is still supportive of Human Rights Office being in St Cloud
- Office focused on suspension/expulsion disparities in District 742—students of color, students with disabilities, Native American students—office is helping district to eliminate culture of bias
- Developing Civic Engagement Summit in June: focused on local government and Human Rights Commissions—talking about best practices and strategies across the state (June 6?)
- Jonathan will send out an invitation to the Human Rights Commission Advisory Board
 - State-wide: filling in the role of League of Human Rights Organizations
 - Will need a representative from each human rights commission
 - Deadline: April 26th to apply
 - Conference call option
- Rachel and Eunice will volunteer for this
- Pay per diem to go to the meetings

Bigger cities have a lot of candidates—want representation from different parts of the state

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Other:

Recruitment of new members

- We need members from Sauk Rapids, Sartell, St Joseph, Waite Park
- Judy will reach out to Justin Michael Lewandowski to recruit through GRIP/ISAIAH and research city community groups
- Rachel will send out FB post and SCSU email with link to the application

Housing Report

- Judy will send out housing report via email

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned 7:10 pm

Next meeting: May forum: