

Ad Hoc Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes -- Draft
March 16, 2022

Video of the meeting may be found here:

<https://woodbridgect.webex.com/woodbridgect/lsr.php?RCID=716f10e93fe19d16a54e1c68cecf00b7>

In attendance: Chair Ellen Scalettar, Vice Chair Tahera Parvez, Mohini Ranganathan, Steven Lawrence, Ke Xu, and staff Betsy Yagla.

Ms. Scalettar called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Opening Circle:

Mr. Lawrence read a selection from a report titled “What is Ableism.”

Mosaic: Woodbridge Reads in Community

The group reviewed the February book event and agreed to read “Minor Feelings” by Cathy Park Hong with a discussion on a Thursday in May. This coincides with Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

It was suggested that adjustments for the following book event will be to request participants to register ahead of time; share the themes and questions or thoughts in the beginning of the discussion and, when appropriate, hold a non-facilitated follow-up discussion for anyone who wants a more in-depth conversation.

For *The 1619 Project* an attempt will be made to hold that follow-up conversation in mid-April if possible.

Survey

Mr. Lawrence reported that First Selectman Beth Heller plans to review the survey and will get him any suggested edits next week. After any edits, Ms. Yagla will then be ready to program the survey and share it with the committee for feedback.

Ms. Scalettar reported that First Selectman Heller has funding for the committee to do a mailer to all residents alerting them to the survey, but that there might not be funding for A frame signs.

Cultural, Ethnic and Noteworthy Events

This discussion will be tabled until the survey data is collected.

Woodbridge Like Me Day

The committee reviewed last year's event and agreed to hold it on the same day as the Woodbridge Road Race – the second Saturday of the month. Ms. Yagla will share the spreadsheet of organizations invited and involved in last year's event. The committee also discussed the possibility of a friendly food competition and Ms. Yagla will also reach out to Quinnipiack Valley Health District about food regulations.

Opening Circle

Ms. Ranganathan volunteered to lead the next Opening Circle.

Minutes

Ms. Scalettar made a motion to approve the February 2022 meeting minutes. Mr. Lawrence seconded. All in favor; the motion passed.

Adjournment

Ms. Scalettar made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Parvez seconded. All in favor; the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.