

Ad Hoc Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes -- Draft  
April 20, 2022

Video of the meeting may be found here:

<https://woodbridgect.webex.com/woodbridgect/lr.php?RCID=65b0afc9c3a6e3c18aeaa613a5309d04>

In attendance: Chair Ellen Scalettar, Vice Chair Tahera Parvez, Mohini Ranganathan, Steven Lawrence, Ke Xu, Lor Ferrante Fernandes, David Franklin, guest Antona Brent Smith and staff Betsy Yagla.

Ms. Scalettar called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Opening Circle:

Ms. Ranganathan read a selection from the poem *Bhagavad Gita*.

New member:

Ms. Scalettar introduced new member David Franklin.

Mosaic: Woodbridge Reads in Community

Rev. Brent Smith discussed the plan to read and discuss “Minor Feelings” by Cathy Park Hong on May 26 at 7 pm on the Center Building lawn. The rain location is the library meeting room. The event coincides with Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Rev. Brent Smit left the meeting at 6:55 pm.

Survey

Mr. Lawrence led a discussion about the survey. The group discussed how to word the questions about Town employees and to include volunteers in the question.

Regarding timing and notice, the goals are: to send a mailing inviting residents to take the survey late in the week of May 9; the enewsletter will include the news and link; A frame signs will go out after the Annual Town Meeting in mid May; the Woodbridge Town News and Town Newsletter will all include news about the survey. The deadline will be June 10.

Mr. Franklin left the meeting at 7 pm.

#### Earth Day

Ms. Parvez led a discussion about the Earth Day event on Saturday April 23. The committee will have a table and will invite residents to create environmental justice poetry with magnetized words.

#### Woodbridge Like Me Day

The committee agreed to consider the shape of the event for discussion at the next meeting. It was also agreed that if the event will essentially be like last year's, the Committee members will review the list of last year's invitees to see if there are any additional groups who should be invited.

Ms. Ranganathan left the meeting at 7:30 pm.

#### Opening Circle

Ms. Ferrante Fernandes volunteered to lead the Opening Circle at the next meeting.

#### Minutes

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

#### Adjournment

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