

# Town of East Windsor

## Diversity Council

### Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 22, 2021

Location: Meeting held via Zoom

#### TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Richard LeBorious, vice-chair. Meeting was held via Zoom.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council member Jonathan Wyse led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

#### ATTENDANCE

Members present: Richard LeBorious (vice-chair), Natasha Holmes, and Jonathan Wyse; Quorum Established  
Member(s) absent: Ana Rivera (chair) and Joseph Blackwood  
Guests/Public: Deputy Selectman - Marie DeSousa, Selectman Charlie Nordell, Gil Hayes and Gabriela Resto

#### MINUTES

- Council Member Wyse moved to approve the minutes from February 1, 2021 Special Meeting; seconded by council member LeBorious; Motion carried unanimously.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- The Council welcomed two members from the public, Gil Hayes and Gabriela Resto, to the meeting. Both gave a brief introduction of themselves and expressed interest in joining the Council. The Council members shared sentiments that they would be welcomed additions. Both were instructed to complete application for participation.
- Selectman Nordell informed the Council that he was the liaison for the Council from the Board of Selectman (BOS). Furthermore, mentioned that he received a notice of resignation from Council member Robert Leach and that the BOS has been promoting for new members of the Council. He also raised awareness of the February 2021 Proclamation of Black History Month that can be found on the town's website.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Nothing to Report

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) **Discussion of Plantation Road Renaming** continued from last meeting amongst all council members and guests in attendance. The resolution drafted by Council member Holmes was read aloud. Council member LeBorious summarized that it captured the

interest of Equity and reiterated that it would be up to the BOS to continue due diligence on logistics and cost before being brought to the town and said he would be in favor of recommending to BOS. Council member Wyse was also in favor to move to BOS. Guests Hayes and Resto mentioned they'd be on board to support and added that the proposed name of Broadleaf preserved the history and cultivation of the town. Selectman Nordell said that it was well-written and Deputy Selectman DeSousa made mention of a road named Broadleaf Lane but was later corrected by Selectman Nordell that it was actually Broadview Lane.

**Next steps:** Final copy will be submitted to the Council members for vote to move to BOS in March meeting.

b) **Discussion Equality Act Resolution** – the resolution drafted by Council member LeBoriosis was read aloud for our guests. There was no further action needed as the Council voted to move to the BOS during February 2021 Special meeting.

**Next steps:** Council member LeBoriosis will get a final copy sent to the Board of Selectman on 2/23.

c) **Discussion of Grant Application** – Council member LeBoriosis mentioned that he was still awaiting guidance from the Greater Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. The hope is for this Council to work with other town departments, like but not limited to, Police Commission and Board of Education, to sponsor a series of forums and training that will identify signs of Systematic Racism and propose solutions for addressing them in our town.

**Next steps:** Council member LeBoriosis will continue his follow-ups

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There were no new agenda items from the floor.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Council member Holmes moved to adjourn at 6:31 pm, seconded by Council member Wyse. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Natasha Holmes  
Secretary, East Windsor Diversity Council