

MINUTES FROM SPECIAL MEETING

Commission on Racial Justice and Equity

Thursday, July 1st, 2021

7:00pm

Held Via Zoom

Meeting began at 7:30pm. In attendance were Alina Bricklin-Goldstein, Deb Carroll, Barret Katuna, Sue Oppenheimer, Dave Peniston, Jen Wang

Absent: Xabian Alarcon. Lillian Tanski, Tracy-Ann Johnson

No Public Comment

DC: Currently 639 complete surveys; still working to make survey available at RCC and GHA

AB: any other methods to get survey out?

DC: Looking to have first public conversations in August; what are our options with Open Choice parents? I will speak with Alan about this as well as PTO accessibility

SO: Still lots of people not aware of survey—how do I get you know about this? We need to reach at least 1000

JW: Also frustrated with what feels like a low return rate; what is circulation of Citizen? We rely on them to get info out, but it may not be as large an audience as we imagine

DC: Can JW follow up with BiG? Would love for them to push on public platform

DP: Will follow up with TALK

JW: Bill had suggested reaching out to places of worship—Greater Hartford Interfaith Alliance

DC: Will follow up with Richard

SO: Can we reach out to realtors?

JW: Can this be sent to town employees? And maybe set up at farmer's market?

DC: And what about Chamber of Commerce?

JW: Mike said he'd reached out to them

DC: We also need to stat mapping secondary sources—what could and should this look like? DP to assist

DP: Will talk to chief Porter as well

DC: let's check with Richard first

JW: We want to follow protocol, but this is also a chance to build relationships as we seek secondary data; as we being working groups on next steps, I'd like to meet in person

DC: I will check on logistics of in-person meetings for August; no minutes to approve from 6/17, as I forgot to send in advance

JW: Art contest extended to 7/15, let's look at how we want to vote

SO: Can we do a certificate for the winner?

DC: Will reach out to Citizen for art contest winner

What is our follow up on error messages with survey? What about emails coming in to RJEC email?

DC: Lillian only one with access

SO: we need to post on Instagram

JW: Need to get RJEC FB and Instagram up and running—public facing accounts

Motion to adjourn at 7:50pm