

**GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL
MLK MURAL SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2023**

The Glastonbury MLK Mural Subcommittee held a meeting at the Town Manager's Office at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, November 27, 2023. The Meeting started at 3:33 pm.

MLK Mural Subcommittee Members Present

Jen Wang, Town Council
John Cavanna, Town Councilor

Others present

Jonathan Luiz, Town Manager
Chip Geer, Resident at 86 Sunset Drive

Councilor Wang provided the Town Manager with background information about the MLK Mural Project. She explained that the mural is to feature "local civil rights heroes." Councilor Wang also explained that the Mural Committee chose the north facing side of Town Hall as the best location for the mural. She also provided information about the Mural Committee's upcoming efforts to engage the public about the proposed mural.

Councilor Cavanna expressed his disagreement with the proposed location of the mural, although it was the best of several less-than-ideal locations. He said a mural should be placed in a more prominent location. Councilor Cavanna also said that he was under the impression that the mural would not feature "civil rights heroes" but would instead feature historically significant people from Glastonbury. Councilor Wang clarified that the focus on the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the desire to feature people from Glastonbury's history involved in advancing civil rights (such as the Smith Sisters and the 29th Colored Regiment who fought in the Civil War), had been discussed in Council meetings and Mural Committee meetings, and that there would hopefully be future opportunities to feature other dimensions of Glastonbury's history.

The Town Manager shared with Councilors Cavanna and Wang that he has yet to sign any agreement concerning the mural, and that the draft agreement provided by Matt Conway of the RiseUP Group, Inc. (RiseUP) was essentially a copy of the agreement that RiseUp signed with the Town of East Hartford. The Town Manager clarified that RiseUp was not looking for money from the Town of Glastonbury.

With no further business to discuss, the Subcommittee adjourned at approximately 3:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jonathan Luiz
Town Manager

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