

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION COMMISSION MINUTES
7:00 p.m. THURSDAY March 14, 2024

Present:

X	David Martin, liaison		Lingya Zhou
X	Melissa Kaplan Morse, co-chair	X	Sandra Hinds, clerk
X	Sunanda Pepalla		Suravi Bhatia, student
	Zayd Dhasthageer, student	X	Wanjiku Gachugi, liaison
X	Diane Randolph Jones, co-chair		

Meeting called to order at 7:13 p.m.

I. Special Business

1. Guest: **Greg Hutchins** of the Volunteer Coordinating Committee (VCC) shared that the purpose of this committee is to recruit and interview prospective volunteers. Currently, the VCC has three members. Acton has four dozen committees and it is helpful that the VCC interviews the candidates so that they can recommend them to the Select Board. There is a need for more volunteers but most committees are functioning. Each committee has enough to have a quorum.

For more information about the VCC, go to: <https://www.acton-ma.gov/111/Volunteer-Coordinating-Committee>

II. Regular Business

2. **Diane** reported that the Leadership Committee has regrouped and had a recent meeting.

3. Updates from the DEI Director

* The Town is participating in the REACH Program and there will be four workshops this year. The first meeting took place on 3/12/2024.

* There is a request for supplies to be donated to our migrant neighbors. Things that are needed include booster seats, diapers, Pedialyte, floss, toothpaste, and body lotion.

III. Commissioners' Update and Discussion

4. Habitat for All-Zoning Initiative is looking for a liaison. The purpose of this ecological initiative is to find ways in which people and animals can live cooperatively. Contact David or Melissa if you are interested in learning more.

5. Commissioner Liaison Updates: No report.

6. Community Event Discussion: Wanjiku and Deb Faber are still working out the details for the event. A date will be set for April. More information to come.

IV. Closing Items

Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting:

Sandra moved and Melissa seconded to approve the minutes of February 2024.
Unanimously approved.

Confirm upcoming meeting – Thursday, April 11, 2024

Adjourn

Diane moved and Melissa seconded to adjourn.

Unanimously approved

Adjourned at 8:32 p.m.