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Agenda, January 11, 2010

Diversity Task Group
 Arlington Vision 2020

Monday, January 11, 2010, 7:30 p.m.

Jefferson Cutter House, Lower Level, Arlington Center (Enter through parking lot behind house)

Focus for this meeting is brainstorming an outreach and action plan to increase the diversity among Town Meeting Members, a *Stand Against Hate* event and updates on other activities.

Agenda

1. Updates/Reports:

- Feb. 10 Diversity Coffee Social for professional staff in the Arlington Public Schools, including next steps in developing an on-going group for discussion and support.
- Collaboration of the DTG and the Sudanese Education Fund
- Meeting with the Arlington Human Rights Commission re: recent hate incidents

2. Planning for the **Second Annual Diversity/Disability Job Fair** in the spring,
 in collaboration with the Disability Commission.
 Date??

3. **Stand Against Racism:** May 1 Event: Guest Speaker Jill Lewis, Park Ave. Congregational Church

4. **Brainstorming our new project: Increasing the Diversity among Town Meeting Members.**

Thoughts from informal initial brainstorming meeting among the Arlington League of Women Voters; the Governance and Communication Task Groups of Vision 2020; the Arlington African American Society.

Creation of a public education, outreach and action plan. Some questions to consider:

Who are our target audiences?

How do we reach them?

What other groups may have an interest in the project and in collaborating with it?

Who will do what?

5. Other Business

Schedule of future meetings for 2010 (often the 2nd Monday of the month).

March 8, May 10.

For more information or suggestions, please feel free to contact:

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The goal of the Diversity Task Group, set by Town Meeting, is: "We value the diversity of our population. Our Town's mix of ethnic, religious and cultural backgrounds, as well as economic and personal circumstances, enriches us all. We will be known for the warm welcome and

respect we extend to all.”