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09/06/2012 Minutes

Minutes from September meeting approved. Diversity Task Group Meeting 9/6/12

Proposal to make meetings: 7:30-9:00. Committee member agreed.

Present: Claire Carswell, Connie Barker, Cheryl Hamilton, Mary Harrison, Jane L. Howard, David Landskov, Brucie Moulton, Tarajee Pass, Miriam Stein, Marie Ricciotti, Elizabeth Wall, Laura Wiener, David Landskov, Joanna A. Ain

I. Arlington Town Day

The committee discussed final preparations for the diversity booth at Town Day. Items discussed included:

- Schedule of volunteers
- Display presentation and table
- Tee Shirts
- Bowl of goodies

Miriam and others shared tips for attracting people to the booth

- Stand in front of Table
- Say hello to get them – do you know about the diversity task group.
- Suggest and hand them a brochure.
- Explain they will be added to email list

II. Legal Handbook

Tarajee, Claire and Jane reminded committee members to complete on-line ethics survey by the end of September. Tarajee and Claire will send committee members a link to quiz complete. Once completed, members should forward copy of certificate to Claire and/or Tarajee.

III. Focus and Activities

Claire reinforced that she further investigated Welcoming America and learned as Cheryl presented at earlier meeting that the initiative is very much focused on immigrants and Immigrant rights. Committee agreed to revisit at a later time if a need arises.

Committee reinforced a need to identify what issues related to diversity people in the community believe we should address and to

continue to bring the different diversity coalitions in the community together – particularly since there is a lot of overlap.

A question was raised about the 2013 census. The committee agreed to revisit whether we should include a question (or more information) about our diversity work at the November meeting.

Committee agreed to tentatively move forward with the Community Conversation series. At our October meeting, the committee will split the meeting between the usual business and hosting an actual conversation among the group so potential facilitators and hosts can better understand the model. Following the conversation, Cheryl will present the activities, ideal outcomes (number of participants and groups) and potential timeline. Committee will determine whether objectives can be met and/or if another project should be pursued.

III. Other business and guests.

Representative Laura Wiener from Planning and Community Development introduced committee to the upcoming master planning process, which is a two-year process that focuses on the physical development of the town. Encourage committee members to attend the World Café at Town Hall on October 17th.

Representative Program Manager Joanna A. Ain from Housing Corporation of Arlington (HCA) invited to return to future meeting to discuss outreach efforts.

Meeting adjourned.