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Vision 2020 Diversity Task Group (DTG)
Minutes: September 12, 2011 meeting
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Present: Diem Dangers, Mary Harrison, Jane Howard, Kaitlyn O'Connell (co-chair), Carolyn Parsons, Steve Pereira, Miriam Stein (co-chair)

Kaitlyn announced she is resigning as co-chair. Her work and home responsibilities make continuing as co-chair difficult. DTG seeks a new co-chair.

Discussion of DTG interactive poster, handouts, staffing of booth for Town Day. If we discover interesting feedback on poster regarding the questions: definition of diversity, where you're from, something unique about you, we will prepare a short article for the Arlington Advocate.

Discussion of flyer for Oct. 16 conversation group for Spanish-speaking Arlington residents. The task group offering this outreach activity will make note of who attends, what their expectations might be for any future meetings.

New Community Response Team: a decision was made to paint over tagging graffiti on the bike path. The tagging was not of a racist nature.

Steve reported on a new Massachusetts Partnership for Diversity program Today's Students Tomorrow's Teachers (TSTT). Five school districts will participate in this program, which requires a total of 5 students from each district for start-up. Arlington Superintendent of Schools made a commitment to the program. It is necessary to attract funders to underwrite the \$15,000 (\$3000 per student) required for start-up. There will be outreach in the schools to 9th graders to see if any students are interested in becoming teachers. Those accepted to the program will work with mentors and participate in other enrichment activities. The program was successful in New York.

Next DTG meeting: October 17, 2011