

Vision 2020 Diversity Task Group

June 9, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Present for Meeting: Claire Carswell, David Im, Jane Spickett, Barbara Boltz, Brooks Harrelson, Rick Goldberg, Celia Raia, Farjam Mahtad, Maggie Schramm, Allan Schramm, Miriam Stein, Bob Tosi, April Ranck, Alberto Guzman, Dawn Arthmann, Erica Kenny, Karen Groseman, Peter Bermudes, Bill Berkowitz, Linda Yee, Celilia Nunez, Jane Howard, Kathy Leydon-Conway

Minutes by Claire Carswell

1. Conversation, facilitated by Kathy Leydon-Conway, extended into the administrative meeting time due to a lively discussion and interested, enthusiastic participants. All agreed was a difficult, necessary beginning discussion on Arlington's socioeconomic/class diversity.

Challenges and opportunities include housing costs and demand, renting vs owning, getting taxed out of Arlington, food and grocery costs, national 1% and Arlington's wealth disparity (same, different?),

2. Brief discussion of Town Day (Sept 12th) ideas. Members agreed to be in touch over summer via email in order to plan. Town Day working group may meet. Will need set-up, shift and break-down volunteers. Wear t-shirts.
3. Announcement of next meeting for September 15th.
4. Sponsoring/hosting Arlington International Film Festival Opening Night on October 9th in Town Hall. DTG Co-chairs and Festival organizers will meet over summer to plan but DTG will focus intensely on planning in Sept. Anyone interested in planning before then is welcome to help.
5. Maybe change Social time and arrangement when Conversations occurring so that folks have more time to hang-out and continue discussions afterwards.
6. Will need to review May minutes at next meeting.