



**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
*OF THE*  
**CULTURE AND DIVERSITY CITIZENS ACTION COMMISSION**  
*Minutes from August 24, 2021*

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

The August 24, 2021, meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by the committee chair, Jean Newby.

**2. Roll Call**

Members Present: Dr. Fred Aikens, Jean Newby present. Mia Honaker arrived later.

**3. Adoption of Agenda**

Dr. Fred Aikens made a motion to adopt the agenda for the August 24, 2021, meeting of the Education Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Review of Minutes**

The committee reviewed the minutes from the meeting on June 22, 2021. The minutes were mailed out prior to the start of the June meeting for review only. There were no questions.

**5. Old Business**

a. Recap of July 10, 2021, Forum. Ms. Newby gave an update. Twenty people were present. Half of the Council were present. Moving forward, we will need to advertise and get participation from residents. A question came up of can the committee “live stream” audience members in a public forum? There were no pictures of the audience. There are 272 views on Facebook of the event. In future forums, it would be good if the council were more engaged. They were present but not very active in the conversation. We need to get them involved earlier so that they are familiar with the content. The next topic is *Racism as a Public Health Crisis*, and the city has instituted a proclamation for the same. We will include them in the communications about the questions for the panel. Mia mentioned that there was no mention of the event on the Key Ads board.

b. Thank you cards to panel members (Understanding Diversity to Create an Inclusive Community). The panel received certificates and honorarium. The committee would like to send thank you card from the Commission. We will bring this up at the meeting next week. Jean will have cards ready for the members to sign.

**6. New Business**

A. Planning for October 13, 2021, Forum (Racism as a Public Health Crisis)

1. Location – Old Campfire building (no cost) as a backup. Jean sent an email to inquire if the facility we used in July is available. The cost at Wayne HS is \$200.00. The committee discussed using the auditorium. Jean will ask her contact about the various venues.

2. Consensus on Panel and Confirmation of Attendance. The committee discussed the panel members and decided to move forward with Dr. Michael Dulan, Dr. Jeanette Robinson, and Dr. Genevie Ritchie-Ewing. The committee will make every attempt to include the City Council in the planning so that they can participate. The candidates for city positions will also be invited. Jean will follow up on the Purchase Request for the speaker fees as well the cost of the school.

3. Consensus on Speaker Fee. Dr. Aikens sent out the contract last week. The fee on the contract was \$250.00 and the speaking fee is set.

4. Discussion of Agenda/Format for Forum. Jean suggested changing the name of the forum. Ideas were. "*An Explanation of Racism as a Public Health Crisis*", "*A Community Dialog on the Explanation.....*". "*Why Declaring Racism as a Public Health Crisis Matters*". The latter is the one chosen by the committee. Fred will ask the panelist for feedback on the forum for the discussion. We can schedule a Zoom call to ask them about questions and format. Fred will coordinate this meeting.

B. Status of Forum with Huber Heights Police Division. Given the fact that there was no formal response from the Chief, the meeting was postponed until January 2022.

C. Next meeting date is Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 6:00 pm.

D. Ideas for 2022 Forums/Frequency of Forums. We discussed merging committees. The committee decided that two public speaker forums will suffice for 2022.

## **7. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

***Minutes captured and recorded by Dr. Fred Aikens***