



Amherst Community Diversity Commission

Tuesday, February 13th 2024
5:30pm online meeting
(Zoom)

Diversity Commission Meeting on February 13th '2024 was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

Attendees: Dr. Mohan Devgun, Chairperson, Gul A. Rahman, Vice Chairperson, Zhen Liu, PhD, Secretary, Commission Members: Cindy Bass. Martha Taggart, Amherst Town Secretary to the Supervisor.

GUESTS: Annette Herrman, Communication specialist for the Town of Amherst, Danessia Scott-Warren, Esq., Yanhong Baranski, Purnima Srinivansan Mohan.

Absent: Mohammad Asghar Khan, Heidi Nicklaus Lefebvre, Ann Rohrer, Melissa Abel.

No official business was conducted due to the lack of a quorum.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12th at 5:30 PM on Zoom.

Those present discussed a list of topics briefly:

- The need to increase membership.
- The status of the incoming Amherst Town Liaison, Angela Marinucci, Esq., and the plan to meet or communicate with her.
- The Black History Month educational file, prepared by Danessia Scott-Warren and to be put on the Commission's webpage, and the proper procedure to follow.
- The racial healing circle events led by Danessia Scott-Warren.

MISSION STATEMENT: The purpose of this coalition is to enhance and increase cooperation, understanding, and dialogue among residents of diverse cultural, religious, socioeconomic and racial backgrounds, and to promote inclusion throughout the town. Some of the responsibilities of the coalition will be to study the demographics of Amherst; promote town-wide events that foster cultural minority participation on governmental boards and committees and in the Town's

workplace; and to facilitate meetings designed to promote a better understanding of who Amherst is as a community.

Respectfully submitted,

Zhen Liu, PhD

Secretary of Amherst Community Diversity Commission