



MINUTES

ENVISION LAKEVILLE CULTIVATE A SENSE OF COMMUNITY TASKFORCE

October 5, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.

Marion Conference Room

Lakeville City Hall

Members present: Christine Yohnke, Daniel Wolter, John Swaney, Matt Norman, Mike Howells, Cynthia Cajune, and Dan Feldkamp

Members absent: Naomi Garcia, Ajay Raikar

Staff: Justin Miller, City Administrator

Meeting began at 6:30 pm.

1) Introductions

- Chair Wolter called the meeting to order at 6:30 and, for purposes of introductions, asked each member to elaborate on what “a sense of community” meant to them individually.

2) Approval of September 21, 2021 Minutes

- Norman made a motion, seconded by Swaney, to approve the minutes as submitted. All voted in favor.

3) 2020 Census Presentation

- Miller provided an overview of the 2020 Census information for the city as well as reviewed other demographic information as provided by the Metropolitan Council. Members asked questions throughout and discussed what the city’s changing demographics mean for the future of Lakeville.

4) Review of 2013 and 2018 Community Survey Results

- Members shared their thoughts on what stood out regarding the two most recent community surveys (2013 and 2018). There was also discussion relating to how a new survey might be conducted to address the charge of the taskforce.

5) Next Steps on Focus Groups and Community Survey

- The group spent considerable time discussion how focus groups could be conducted (facilitator, location, etc.) and what the desired outcomes may be. It was suggested that members come to the next meeting with ideas of how focus groups may be structured as

well as think about what community events are already occurring that could be utilized as conversation locations. It was also suggested that members of the Community Conversation on Race working group be invited to an upcoming meeting to review their thoughts about what was learned through that process.

- Members were also asked to review efforts of other cities in relation to this topic and report back their findings.

6) Meeting Schedule

- It was decided that future meetings be held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 in the Marion Conference Room (with the exception of the November meeting, which will be held on November 9th due to election day conflicts).

7) Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.