

**Lakeville Community Conversation on Race
Planning Workgroup Meeting
Meeting Notes
Wednesday, October 7, 2020
Via Zoom – 6:30 pm**

Members Present: Mayor Doug Anderson, Councilmember Joshua Lee, City Administrator Justin Miller, Maya Imoto, Darryl Sanders, Venkat Kakula, Zipporah Bogonko, Jeni Hartung and Janet Collins, facilitator (Conflict Resolution Center).

Janet opened the meeting by asking that each member share a personal check-in.

Discussions proceeded into logistics of the proposed community conversation:

- Justin indicated that he has preliminarily reserved Lakeville South High School for the November 14th date. Details still need to be arranged for remote participation.
- Discussions regarding the structure of the conversation included having a keynote speaker or a forum/panel discussion. After hearing from all members, it was agreed that a panel was the best option, followed by small group discussions. The composition/topics of the panel was discussed and left as an agenda topic for the next meeting.
- Several members felt that sharing personal experiences regarding racism in Lakeville was appropriate, as well as policing in our society (and in Lakeville specifically).

Venkat and Jeni agreed to continue work on draft flier/promotional materials. Mayor Anderson indicated that the topics/structure of the conversations still needed to be presented to the entire city council, and that the next opportunity for this would be at the October 19th city council meeting. If there was a fully developed outline of the event presented at this time, a November 14th event date would likely be possible.

The next meeting of the workgroup was scheduled for October 14, 2020 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm via Zoom. Meeting ended at 8:30 pm.