

**Lakeville Community Conversation on Race  
Planning Workgroup Meeting  
Meeting Notes  
Wednesday, October 21, 2020  
Via Zoom – 6:30 pm**

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

Guests Present: Dr. Raj Sethuraju

Janet opened the meeting and after introductions, Raj elaborated on his background and experience in moderating groups such as the one being planned in Lakeville. Members took turns asking Raj questions about how he envisioned this panel discussion to go, and he gave several ideas such as taking time to go through a value identification exercise, giving a land and enslavement acknowledgement, and having multiple breakout/large group discussions.

After Raj left the meeting, the group started focusing on details of the event. It was agreed that due to the complexity of hybrid in-person/virtual logistics that this first conversation would be held entirely via Zoom.

Mayor Anderson offered comments on three people he had contacted regarding being on the panel, and the group briefly discussed options relating to the panelist. Both Gabby Green and Jim Mathis were agreed to by the group as panelist, and Mayor Anderson asked the group to continue thinking about other panelist options. It was agreed to start publicizing the event (via social media, contact circles, etc.) with the event being on November 14 from 9:00 am – noon.

Follow-up actions before the next meeting include:

- 1) Janet will work on a brief narrative to describe the event for publications
- 2) Venkat will continue work on the marketing material/flyer
- 3) Justin will edit the sign-up page with the suggestions from the group as well as work with Joshua on further discussions with Raj about his moderator services
- 4) Janet will connect with Raj about his preference on who should lead the small group discussions

The next meeting of the workgroup was scheduled for October 28, 2020 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm via Zoom. Meeting ended at 8:30 pm.