

**Lakeville Community Conversation on Race  
Planning Workgroup Meeting  
Meeting Notes  
Wednesday, December 16, 2020  
Via Zoom – 6:30 pm**

**Members Present:** Mayor Doug Anderson, Joshua Lee, City Administrator Justin Miller, Maya Imoto, Darryl Sanders, Zipporah Bogonko, Venkat Kakula, Nkechi Gillman, and Raj Sethuraju

Mayor Anderson opened the meeting and after check-ins shared initial thoughts for the January 18<sup>th</sup> event:

Part 1 – education and awareness of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King’s values (followed by small group/circle discussions).

Part 2 – discussion with chief of police (followed by small group/circle discussions)

There were also brief discussions about the third session (date TBD) with components including discussions of implicit/explicit bias, reaching out to other diverse groups (i.e. LGBTQ) and how we can develop actions steps moving forward.

Members took turns sharing how they thought the values of MLK should be shared, with ideas including:

- Relating to Gandhi’s actions/philosophy
- How to encourage action
- Historical context of how his actions at the time weren’t as popular as people might think
- How to have a white Lakeville resident share their thoughts on Black Lives Matter

Raj agreed to develop an outline for the event and he will share with the group. Members were also asked to share ideas on a tagline/design for a “save the date” email.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

The next meeting of the workgroup was scheduled for January 6, 2021 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm via Zoom.