

**Lakeville Community Conversation on Race  
Planning Workgroup Meeting  
Meeting Notes  
Wednesday, December 9, 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, Jeni Hartung, and Raj Sethuraju

Mayor Anderson opened the meeting and after check-ins, members reflected on their takeaways from the November 14<sup>th</sup> event. Topics discussed included making sure that elected officials were spread into multiple groups and the feedback from some participants that more diversity be reflected in future panels.

There was significant discussion around the efforts being taken relating to ISD 194 and more specifically an incident relating to the police department's response at a recent school board meeting. This conversation led to a discussion on how we help make all residents feel safe in Lakeville and how do we bring more people (specifically community leaders) into these conversations.

Ideas for the next event were discussed and included:

- How to respect the meaning of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Day with the event; possibly an educational focus?
- In what ways can we engage the entire community (especially people from the other school districts represented in Lakeville).
- What does “Black Lives Matter” mean to me?
- Consider ways to message the event to potentially expand community interest.

There was also discussion about sending the notes from the previous event to those who participated as well as a save the date email. Mayor Anderson asked that the group review the draft notes he distributed before we designate them as “final”.

Raj closed the meeting with a breathing/grounding exercise and asked each member to summarize their feelings with one word.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

The next meeting of the workgroup was scheduled for December 16, 2020 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm via Zoom.