

MINUTES
ANTI-RACISM TASK FORCE
MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT

SPECIAL MEETING RETREAT
AUGUST 10, 2021

Present: Stacey Barka, Valerie Light, Precious Price, Kristianna Smith, Councilman Edward Ford Jr., Kirk Hart, Viviana Conner, Councilwoman Jeanette Blackwell, Diana Martinez, Samantha Rival, Chair Sacha Armstrong-Crockett, Councilman Darnell Ford, Councilman Phillip Pessina

1. Call to Order.

Meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

2. Public Comment.

No public in attendance. Councilman Darnell Ford closed the public comment.

3. New Business.

- A. Anti-Racism Task Force retreat and training, facilitated by the Middletown Racial Justice Coalition – Facilitators Diana Martinez and Kristianna Smith began the meeting by explaining the mission of the Middletown Racial Justice Coalition for the BIPOC community. The meeting proceeded with a framework of introductions, meeting expectations and conversations pertaining to the mission of the Anti-Racism Task Force. Diana and Kristianna reviewed the same group agreements and the compass model that was presented at the August 9th 2021 Anti-Racism Task Force Special Meeting. Several topics of discussion were examining power influences, Intersectionality, surveys, and shifting practices and actions in the workforce. Throughout the meeting, Anti-Racism Task Force members broke out into groups to discuss among themselves what was being presented.

4. Adjournment.

MOTION to adjourn made by Stacey Barka. The MOTION was seconded by Councilman Edward Ford Jr. The MOTION passed unanimously. Viviana Conner, Chair Sacha Armstrong-Crockett, Councilman Phillip Pessina, and Councilwoman Jeanette Blackwell were not present for this MOTION. The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.