

## Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes[9-6-20]

The meeting was called to order at 6:00

Present were:

Angaza Mwando, Gordon Lyde, Denise Singleton, Tamara Williams, Kathy Meetz, Mayor Carbone, Shawna Santos, Jasmine Hargrove, Dr. DeLois Lindsey and Rachel McGruder

We had a quorum in case we need to vote on anything

The conversation continued from last month regarding painting Black Lives Matter on the street or parking lot. We are still looking for a place. Also it was suggested that we paint Our Culture is Beautiful somewhere around the Torrington High School .... perhaps the parking lot.

Angaza and Tamara will get a letter together by Tuesday Sept 8th

Mayor Carbone mentioned that the Traffic and Public Works departments need to sign off on this project. It has to be presented next week and approved. (Paint, Size) How long will this take? We, as a Committee are ready to go. We need an answer - Tuesday Sept 8th at City Council meeting 6pm is when this should be decided.

Black Lives Matter lawn signs costs researched by Tamara  
to order 100 one sided signs .....\$5 per sign (\$500)  
to order 100 2-sided signs \$6.40 per sign (640)  
total cost for 100 yard stakes \$67

if we go with two sided signs and stakes \$707 total

### PHASE 1

Look for artists - local artists of color,  
Get lettering down for painting project/make design  
White is the canvas  
Plan events - one or two

### PHASE II

Finding artists who can submit designs  
Suggestions for supply donations  
Ethnic contractors/Lowes/Home Depot to provide supplies

Shawna suggested that Home Depot supplied donations for Boy Scouts - perhaps can donate paint for our project

Deloris will check about having some kind of raffle to raise money

Angaza brought up topic of Racism as a Public Health Crisis