

CCC 111 / MICROSOFT "TEAMS"

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

January 23, 2024

PRESENT Don Bell, Chair (via Teams), Councillors Angie Parkinson and John Morrison

ABSENT

ALSO Jason Marshall, Town Council Clerk
PRESENT Councillor Awet Tsegai (via Teams)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bell called the meeting to order at p.m.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

Chair

MOTION By Angie Parkinson
seconded by John Morrison

to **appoint Don Bell** as **Chair**
of the Community Engagement Committee.

Motion carried 3/0

Secretary

MOTION By Don Bell
seconded by John Morrison

to **appoint Angie Parkinson** as **Secretary**
of the Community Engagement Committee.

Motion carried 3/0

ADOPTION OF RULES GOVERNING MEETINGS

MOTION By Angie Parkinson
seconded by John Morrison

to **adopt** Robert's Rules of Order as the rules that shall govern parliamentary procedure at all subcommittee meetings, with the exception that (1) the Chair shall not be required to restate the motion of any Council member unless requested by another Councillor, or when in the discretion of the Chair, such restatement is necessary to avoid any

Motion carried 3/0

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None

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Previous discussion in May included ideas such as a “Walk Across East Hartford” and a “Coffee with the Councillors” as ways to meet residents and interact outside of formal meetings and engagements.

The Committee discussed ways to allow for residents to more easily identify the Council at social functions through branding such as Town Council t-shirts or large buttons that can be worn as markers to the community. As the committee does not have a formal budget, funds would need to be allocated from the department. Items such as these would help Council members stand out in crowds and encourage approachability from residents.

The Committee discussed details for hosting walks across East Hartford in the Spring. Logistics regarding safety of residents, ideal locations for engagement and availability of Council members and staff were discussed. It was agreed that these events would be most beneficial if scheduled on a regular basis and once weather was more ideal for outdoor activities.

The Parks and Recreation Department has considered hosting weekly fun runs at various parks throughout Town which could also provide the Council with an opportunity to attend and share information with residents that is timely and aligns with goals of the Administration, such as brochures to promote participation in Town Boards and Commissions or links to various resources currently available to residents. The Committee concurred that any such materials be made available in both English and Spanish and also could include QR codes to help direct residents to additional relevant information on the Town's website.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Angie Parkinson
seconded by John Morrison

to **adjourn** at 7:24 p.m.

Motion carried 3/0

C: Town Council
Connor Martin, Mayor