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Ariel Lim, Chairperson
Coretta McCarter
Elisa Rosales

City Manager's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women
Tuesday July 23rd, 2019, 5:45 PM
Worcester City Hall, Levi Lincoln Chamber 3rd Floor

MEETING SUMMARY

Present: Donna Connolly, Amanda Gregoire, Deborah Hall, Ariel Lim, Coretta McCarter, Priscilla Elsass, Elisa Rosales
Staff: Jayna Turchek

1. Call to order and introductions

2. Review and approval of June 4th, 2019 meeting minutes: Committeewoman McCarter motioned to accept as written, Committeewoman Hall seconded, unanimously approved.

3. Old Business- Discussion

A. Planning for August 15th School Committee Candidates Forum

- Chairperson Lim initiated discussion of questions for the August 15th School Committee Candidates Forum. The discussion revolved around making the questions more concise, as to not take away from the candidate's time to answer. Chairperson Lin guided the discussion towards having categories—with three questions each—of questions. Committeewoman McCarter suggested making the questions more specific, in order to avoid candidates only answering selective parts of the questions. Committeewoman Hall and Chairperson Lim suggested combining questions.
- The Committee agreed to amend and selected nine questions. Committeewoman Hall motioned to approve the amended questions, Committeewoman McCarter seconded, unanimously approved.
- Chairperson Lim also suggested having a visual to go along with the questions, which might be electronic visuals, handheld cards, or a second electronic screen with questions. Vice Chairperson Gregoire agreed to develop a PowerPoint of the questions.
- The Committee reviewed the ground rules for candidates. Committeewoman Hall motioned to approve, Committeewoman McCarter seconded, unanimously approved.
- The Committee confirmed ordering of candidates responses to questions.
- Public comment: Celia Blue, a sponsor representative, contributed to the conversation.

Suggestions for upcoming agenda items- Nothing to be added to agendas this summer until after forum.

4. Meeting adjourned at 7:18pm (Motioned by Committeewoman Hall, seconded by Committeewoman Gregoire)

Materials are continuing to be drafted for the August 15th School Committee Candidates Forum. Draft versions of the questions may be available upon request to the Office of Human Rights and Disabilities.



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