

**Borough of Carlisle
Truth & Reconciliation Commission
December 13, 2021
Meeting Minutes**

Members present: Emily Kelahan (co-chair), TaWanda Hunter-Stallworth (co-chair), Raff Donelson, Andrew Razanauskas, Dorene Wilbur, Tristan Milazzo, and Lou Werderbach (zoom).

Also present: Deputy Mayor Shultz, Stephanie Taylor and Nicole Meals

Ms. Hunter-Stallworth called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Approval of the minutes from the November 8, 2021 meeting were moved to the January meeting due to them not being included in the information packet provided to the committee.

Topics that were discussed:

✓ Research Working Group

Ms. Kelahan reported that the group is continuing to fine tune the template format for the final report. They are also researching data and information regarding informative peer aspirant groups to compare Carlisle to.

Ms. Kelahan reported that the committee would be holding an executive session following the conclusion of the public meeting.

✓ Community Engagement Working Group

Mr. Razanauskas reported that the Thinking About Race Thursday had good media coverage and attendance of approximately 10 people on zoom and another 4 in person attendees. He would like to hold off on discussing further until the group can meet and discuss.

Discussion for another forum followed with the following suggestions:

- Attendees could make appointments in a neutral location. Suggestions of a barber shop, beauty salon, church or Stuart Community Center.
- Leverage personal relationships. Go where the folks are.
- Prepare strategically. Try, try again approach.

It was agreed that the next Thinking About Race Thursday event will be scheduled for February.

✓ New Business

Ms. Hunter-Stallworth announced access to borough email is still being worked on by the Borough IT vendor.

Deputy Mayor Shultz reported that the Truth and Reconciliation Commission has been budgeted for \$30,000 in the proposed 2022 budget.

Ms. Kelahan invited public comments. There were no public comment.

The next Truth and Reconciliation Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 10, 2022 at 6:00 pm in Borough Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm. Executive session to follow.

Respectfully submitted,

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