**Civil Rights Forum Meeting Notes**

**Progressive Action for the Common Good**

**September 14, 2020 at 5 pm (via Zoom)**

*Introductions*

Civil Rights Forum 9/14/20 5 pm

Present: Alta, Margie, Loxi, Deb, Susan, Pat Peacock, Julie

Agenda shared: No August meeting, so no notes.

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*Follow up from last meeting – review July meeting notes (August meeting cancelled)*

**Coalition building NAACP, LULAC, Friends of MLK, QCAIR**

* MLK Interpretive Center – Glenda (or Alta) Alta went to this and it was great
* NAACP – Third Informed Voters town hall – Is on Civil Rights Issues. NAACP is the lead organization. Juvenile Justice and NAACP and others will be main source of questions and there will be Q&A time. A flyer has been created. This will be a Webinar Sept 29th, 6-7 pm Alta reported

4th Town Hall will be led by Environmental Forum

* LULAC – Alta or Loxi – no updates
* QCAIR – Y15K funds distributed - Grant or Susan – Money was distributed on Saturday. Alta would like some follow-up and is interested in perhaps donating more. Susan said applications are being received. Susan will share flyer and info when it is developed.
* Cobblestone is very excited about money and new event will be held on Sept. 26th, because they couldn’t make event last Saturday

**BLM responses and actions**

* Restoring voting rights to ex-felons in Iowa – next steps? - Pat Peacock Felon rights have been restored in Iowa, but some details are missing. Pat is unsure if governor’s executive order requires restitution payment. Pat would also like to pursue “Ban the Box.” Because this is executive order, it is not necessarily a permanent solution.
* Bettendorf Citizens Advisory Panel – Alta Bett. Mayor Bob Gallagher is fairly responsive. Some communication got lost, but connections have been reestablished. It seems that NAACP and LULAC are holding similar meetings with Davenport and there are other coalitions with other side of the river. Should we join forces? Alta suggested we meet via Zoom with just PACG, but should also be attending joint meetings. But racial profiling would need to be a major issue addressed. Loxi didn’t think the meetings were regularly scheduled. Pat said he’s unaware of a “Bi-State Coalition.” Margie serves on civil rights commission in RI and is also unaware of such an organization. Perhaps there is confusion between meetings with sheriff/police dept vs. mayor.

Further research needs to be done on who attends these meetings and when they are scheduled. It would be nice to have a bi-state/QCA organization addressing these issues. Alta, Susan, Margie, Deb—perhaps Loxi might want to attend initial meetings. Loxi suggested Dr. Brockington (ed director of NAACP) is the spokesperson for DCAP and might be a better representative. Loxi will ask. DCAP meetings are 3:30-4:30 pm. Margie can accommodate such a timeframe. Alta will email mayor tomorrow.

* Follow up on “A Decade of Equity” - John DeTaeye No updates. Still in discussion with Pat.
* Weekly BLM protests – Alta (for Caryn Unsicker) Still going on, every Saturday, 11:30 am-12:15 pm
* PACG Book Club on Monday, September 21st at 5:30 pm – *Things Fall Apart* – Alta Alta suggested CRF members join and promote
* 21-Day Equity Challenge (starts Aug 24th) – encourage participation? Alta suggested CRF members join and promote

Other ideas? Pat reports there will be a joint Civil Rights Commission and Davenport City Council on Monday, Sept. 21st at 5:30 pm. This is a public meeting and will be recorded. Unsure if remote participation is possible.

Susan reports that Environmental Forum will be holding a meeting on Environmental Justice. Is seeking individuals who have been affected by such things as lead paint. Speaker will be Don Addu, Citizens Climate Lobby in North Carolina. 5:30, Friday, October 2nd. Event is being publicized on FB and in WEU

**Immigration**

* Concerns about immigrant and refugee populations during the pandemic Loxi reported on one family of 15 all affected by COVID. Been sick since June 27th.
  + QCAIR – help for Iowa undocumented impacted by COVID – Susan or Grant
  + PACG Y15K fund drive – Alta
  + Meatpacking plants – response to pandemic – Loxi
* QCSC – helping asylum-seeker from El Salvador sponsored by UUCQC - Alta

**Juvenile Justice Coalition**

* Report from Juvenile Justice Coalition – Deb and Margie Margie reported on concept of “Juvenile Justice Center” to see if it will go forward. This will be a program to keep kids out of The System. Family Resources received a grant to work on this. Referrals will come from schools/churches, etc. More info needs to be received.

**Upcoming Meetings/Events**

* Next Civil Rights monthly meeting – Monday, Oct 12th at 5 pm via Zoom
* Juvenile Justice Coalition – Fridays, Sept 18th and Oct 2nd at 4 pm via Zoom (host Mike Guster)
* One Human Family Immigration Task Force – Tuesday, Sept 22nd at 5:30 pm via Zoom (host Glenn Leach)
* Third Informed Voters Town Hall - Tuesday, Sept 29th at 6 pm - Zoom Webinar
* PACG Virtual Picnic and Pie Auction - Sunday, Oct 4th PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR!!!

*Notes submitted by Julie Ross*